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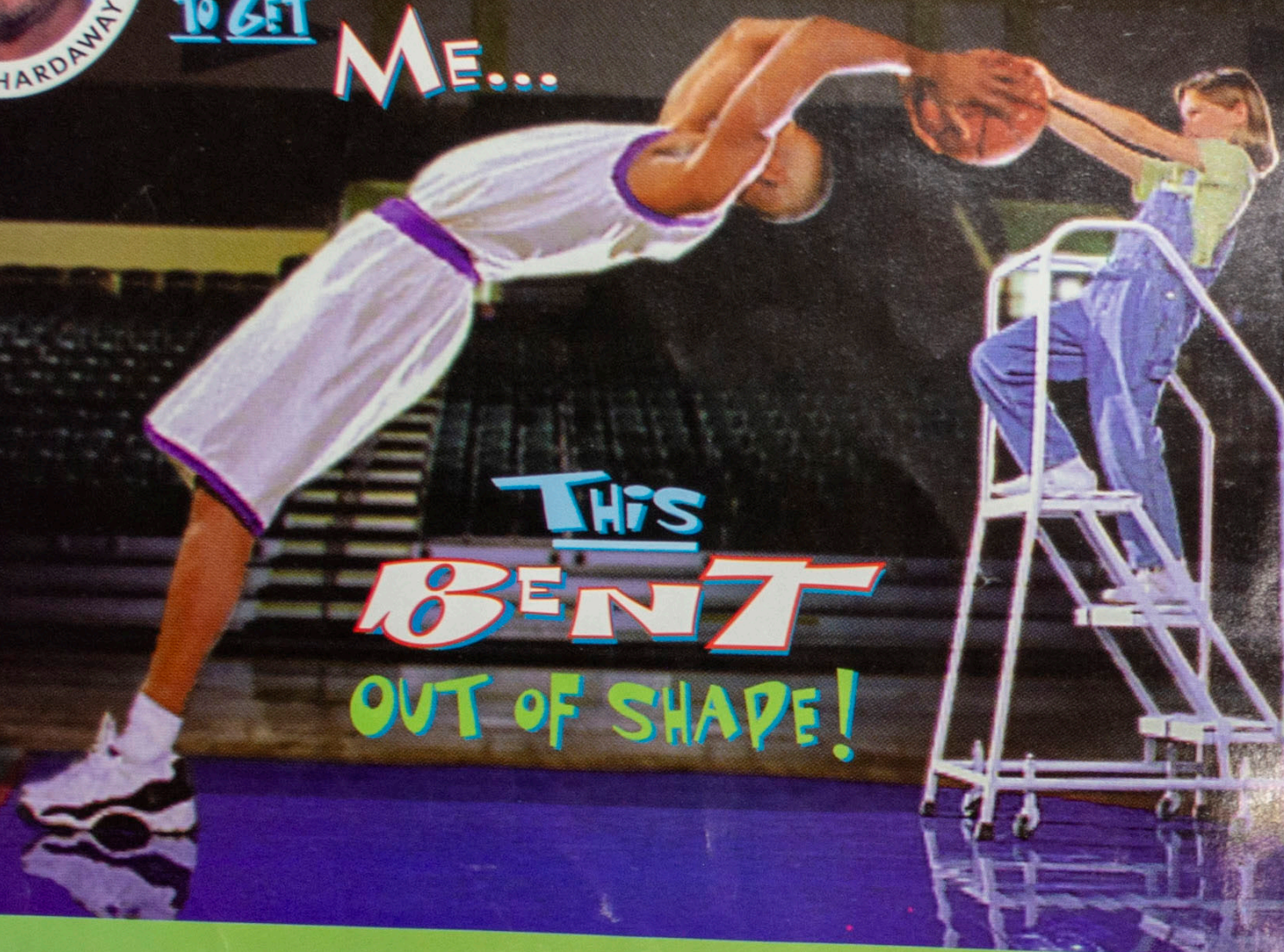
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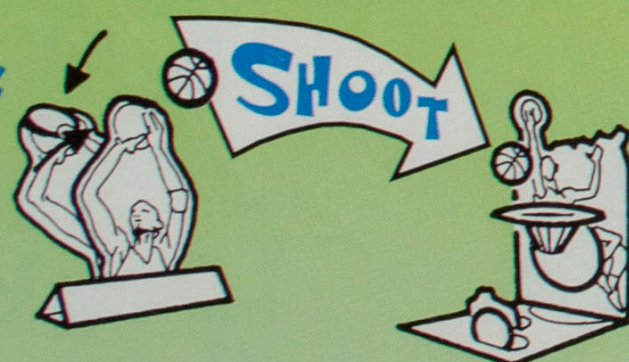
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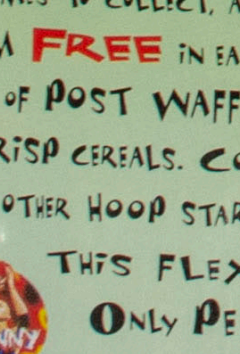
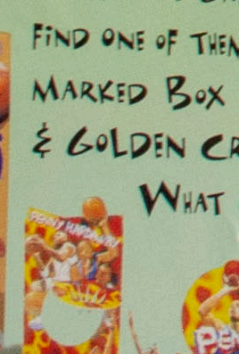
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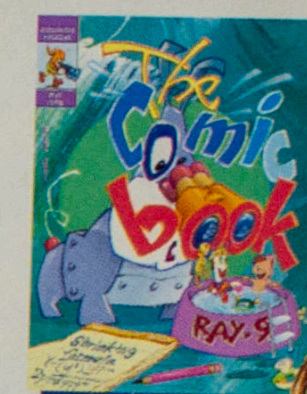
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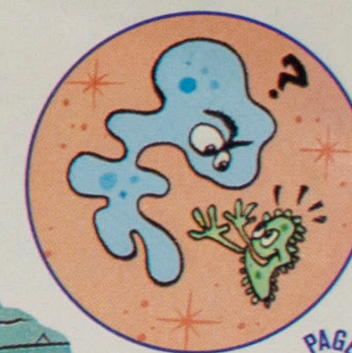
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Letters to the Editors



Are there other magazines or TV shows in your building, or do you have the whole building to yourselves?
Pamela F., age 9½
 Commack, New York

Dear Pamela,
 We use only part of the 41st floor of a 53-story building. We share the building with cable TV networks, other magazines, a Broadway theater, a parking garage, several overpriced restaurants, and a shoe store. But if we work late enough, we get the whole place to ourselves. That's when we can finally have elevator races, play spot-the-bald-pedestrian, and let Zelda chew on the furniture.

Do you think you could make it through an issue without mentioning otters?
Natalie R., age 12
 Coweta, Oklahoma

Dear Natalie,
 We can't resist the little critters. We almost finished our Water Issue without mentioning them—but then you went ahead and did it for us! (Awww, look at the little cutie!)



What does the Nick Mag staff like best: fast food, soda, or dessert? Take a survey!
Carl C., age 11
 New York, New York

Dear Carl,
 With an overwhelming 11 votes, Dessert wins the first Nick Mag Food Choice Award—with Fast Food and Soda tied at two each. Congratulations, Dessert! Up next, the award for Best Performance on a Roll....

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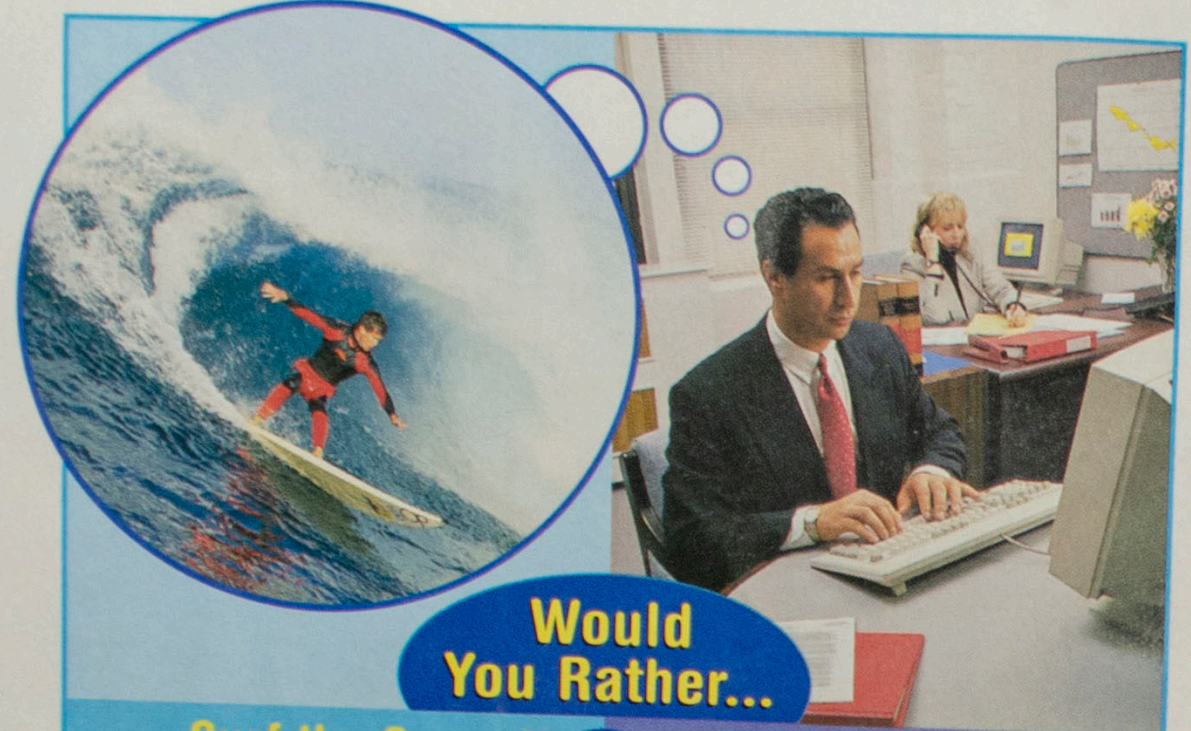
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Whatever We Want

Welcome to the Water Issue!

We went deep to bring you the *moist* waterlogged issue ever. You'll *sea* a dolphin toting the page numbers at the bottom. Hold your nose and jump right in...the reading's fine.



Would You Rather...

...Surf the Ocean? or ...Surf the Web?

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Catch a wave	Catch a virus
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Shark bites	Gigabytes
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Dog paddle	Mouse pad

Frozen Out

When we were finishing up this Water Issue, we started to feel bad for the nonliquid forms of water: steam and ice. Here are some of the story ideas that didn't make it into the issue.

- Vanilla Ice: Why Did His Career Melt?
- The Forms of Matter: Do They Matter?
- Thirty Days to Thinner Ice
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Real Lifestyles of the Wet and Famous

What's bubbling in the minds of these celebrities?

John Goodman
of *The Borrowers* and *Blues Brothers 2000*

Do you sing in the shower?

Yeah, I'm a pretty good shower baritone. I used to do a lot of musicals when I started out as an actor.

Do you have any shower favorites?

I try to remember songs from *The Fantasticks* [a musical he was in], but now "Popeye the Sailor Man" is about all I can handle.



Countess Vaughn of Moesha

Do you drink the recommended eight glasses of water a day?

No, I definitely don't. I know water is good for me, though, so to make it taste better, I drink it with a peppermint candy in my mouth.

Bath or shower?

Bath. I like to soak in bubbles to relax.



Jack Johnson
of *Lost in Space*

What is your favorite place to swim?

I go to a summer camp on a lake in Yosemite Valley, in California, and I love swimming in that lake. It's a tie between that and my pool.

If a water park created a *Lost in Space* ride, what would it be like?

It would be a really fast ride, with a tube that's very dark and out of control. Kind of like our ship!

Are you a lot like Will Robinson, the character you play in the movie?

Yes, because he loves computers and robots and building things, and he always gets new ideas.



Hillary Tuck
of *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids: The TV Show*

Bath or shower?

I'm a shower person.

What's your favorite dive?

My dad taught me how to dive when I was little, but I never got the hang of it. Most of mine are belly flops. I usually have a very



pink belly when I get out of the water!

Which do you prefer: ocean, lake, pool, or river?

Lakes. I like being in an inner tube and feeling the fish nibbling on my toes.

Tim Duncan, forward for the San Antonio Spurs

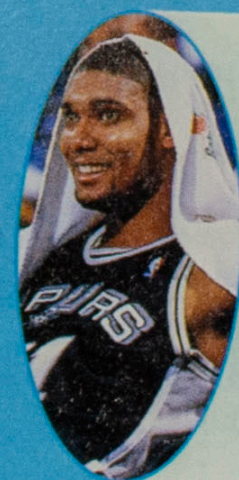
Have you played other sports besides basketball?

I grew up in the U.S. Virgin Islands, so I used to swim, snorkel, and bodyboard.

Are you afraid of anything in the water?

Yes, sharks.

Don't worry. That guy there is a dolphin.



Water the Answers?

Steven Stern went to great depths to find these watery facts.
Can you tell which of the explanations below are correct?

Answers on page 68.

1 The Bermuda Triangle is:

- a. an area of ocean between Florida, Puerto Rico, and Bermuda, where some ships and planes have mysteriously disappeared.
- b. a percussion instrument used in calypso music.
- c. a cloth patch used to repair a ripped pair of Bermuda shorts.

2 An estuary is:

- a. an accountant who works for deep-sea divers.
- b. a body of water where a river meets an ocean.
- c. an underwater farm where lobsters are bred.



3 Hard water is:

- a. sailor slang for a stretch of ocean filled with many large, hazardous rocks.
- b. water that contains minerals that prevent soap from lathering.
- c. an old expression that means "ice."

4 Coral is a:

- a. pink-colored plant that grows in tropical waters.
- b. fenced-in area where sea horses are kept.
- c. carnivorous animal that lives in the ocean.



5 Flotsam and jetsam refer to:

- a. Danish scientists Søren Flotsam and Jens Jetsam, inventors of water wings.
- b. two kinds of sailor's knots.
- c. a ship's wreckage or cargo that is lost at sea.

6 A tsunami is:

- a. a poisonous fish served as a Japanese dish.
- b. a very fast-moving ocean wave caused by an underwater earthquake.
- c. an underwater sneeze.

7 The term the bends refers to:

- a. an illness deep-sea divers get from swimming to the surface too quickly.
- b. narrow ocean passages between small islands.
- c. aerobic exercises popular with oceanographers.



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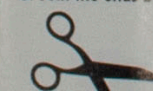
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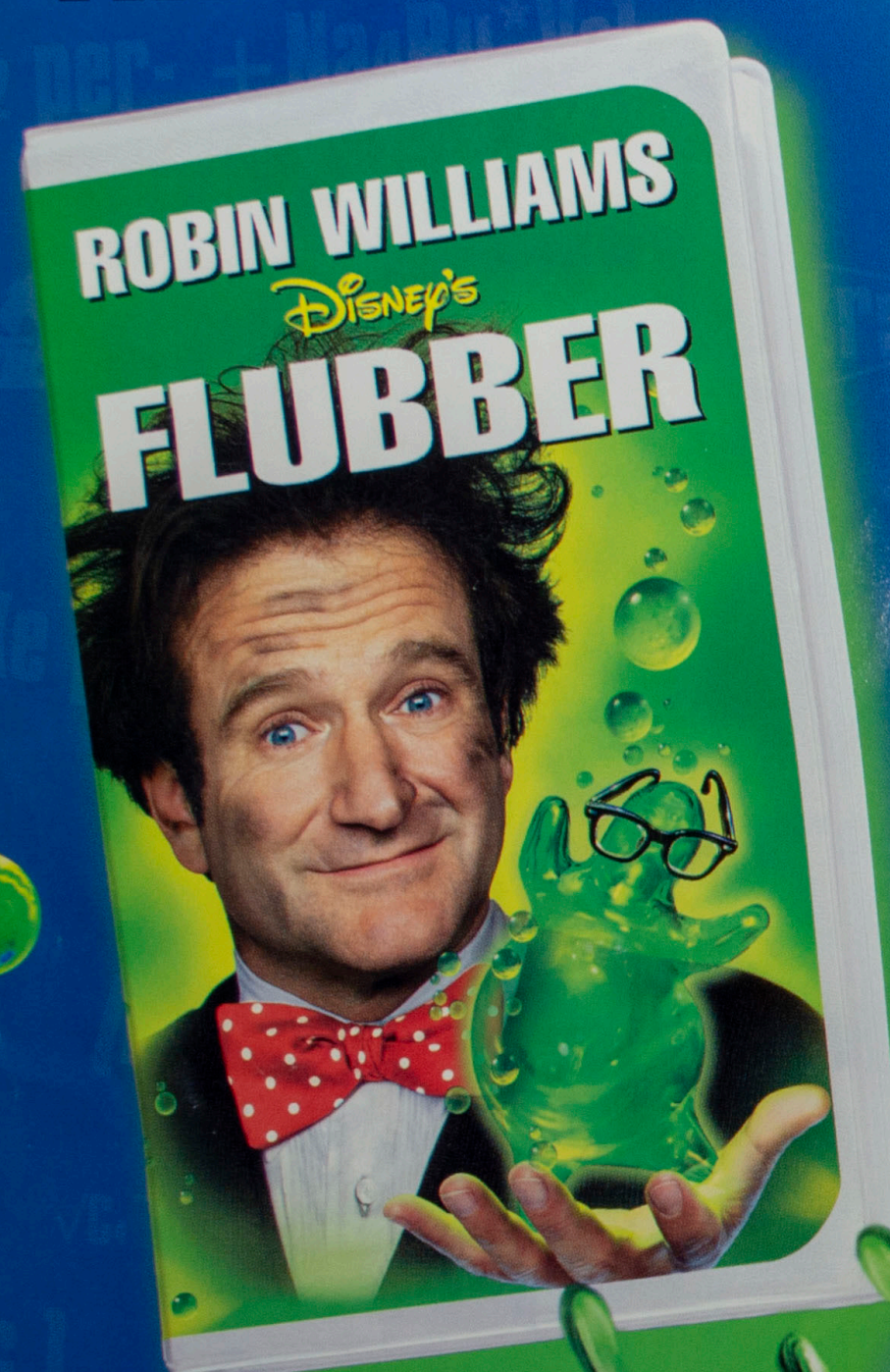
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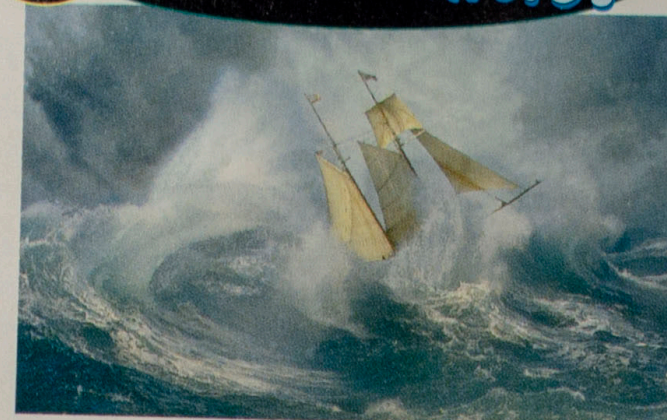
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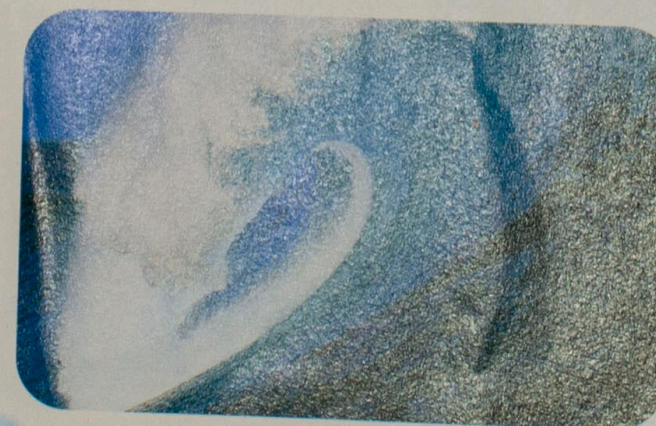


- 8 A bathyscaphe is a:
- painting of a ship in a storm at sea.
 - submarine that scientists use to explore very deep parts of the ocean.
 - clever excuse used to get out of taking a bath.

- 9 Mark Twain is:
- the pseudonym of Samuel Clemens, an American author who wrote about the Mississippi River.
 - a phrase used by riverboat pilots meaning "twelve feet deep."
 - both a and b.

- 10 The water in geysers and hot springs is naturally heated by:
- colonies of sweating groundhogs.
 - radioactive debris from crashed UFOs.
 - hot underground rocks.

Write a T or F next to each statement.



- 11 The tallest wave ever recorded was 112 feet high, or about 10 stories.
- 12 There is a breed of tropical fish that can be trained to say up to 15 words. But can they fetch?
- 13 The ancient Romans filled amphitheaters with water and staged fake naval battles.

- 14 Niagara Falls is turned off every night after the tourists go home.
- 15 There are fish that live more than two miles underwater and have lights inside their mouths to attract prey.
- 16 One of the first submarines, built in the 1600s, was a leather-covered rowboat that could stay 15 feet underwater and travel five to six miles before resurfacing.
- 17 Some fortune-tellers predict the future by reading bathtub rings.
- 18 Sailors often use electric eels to power ship-board hair dryers.



- 19 Navel oranges are grown underwater.
- 20 The ancient Greeks and Romans told time with water-powered clocks called clepsydras.
- 21 In 1988, Felicia Moystt water-skied from Laguna Beach, California, to Tokyo, Japan.

- 22 If you put Mount Everest, the world's tallest mountain, at the deepest spot in the ocean, the mountain's peak would still be one-and-a-quarter miles beneath the surface.



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DEEP THOUGHTS



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SYLVIA A. EARLE: It's really special to stay with fish around the clock. You get to know individual fish. Not all fish of a species act alike. Some are more curious than others, some are more aggressive, some are more shy. It's just as it is with cats and dogs and horses and people.

Do you have a favorite kind of fish?

I love them all. I like the personality of grouper. They're big, friendly fish that follow you around and can't stand not knowing what's going



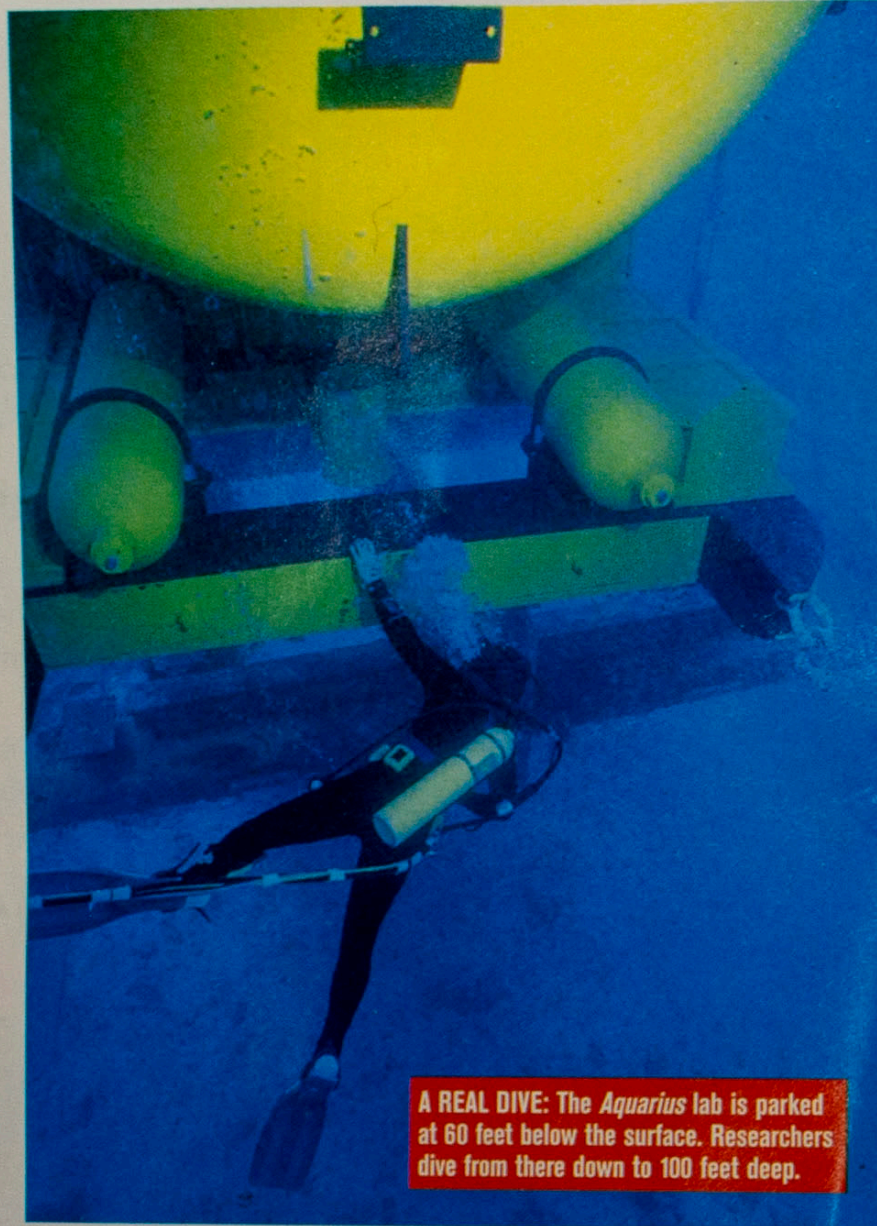
on. And cuttlefish (above) are among the most charming: They communicate by changing colors. They flash light and dark to express moods—anger or aggressiveness or maybe “I love you.” Imagine talking in rainbows.

What's the underwater lab, the Aquarius, like?

It's a little bit like the space shuttle. It's cylindrical—like a big can on its side—and it's large enough to accommodate six people. There are three bunks on each side.

Is it dark there, sixty feet underwater?

There's plenty of light when the sun is up. It gets



A REAL DIVE: The Aquarius lab is parked at 60 feet below the surface. Researchers dive from there down to 100 feet deep.

darker when the sun goes down, but it doesn't get totally dark—starlight and moonlight illuminate clear water down to at least a hundred feet.

Are there any dangers?

You need to take care of your ears, because they're subject to pressure as you go deeper into the ocean. The pressure can cause earaches and infections. And because you're in the water so long when you dive, you get the equivalent of dishpan hands all over your body. It's important that when you get inside the lab, you dry off.

What about on your days off? Can you stay out of the water and just relax?

I love being close to the sea and thinking about what's out there. But most of all, I love being in the water.

CHAIRWOMAN OF THE BOARD

Lisa Andersen first started surfing when she was 14. Now she's 29 and has won four consecutive World Professional Surfing titles.



CATCHING A RAVE: Lisa Andersen shows off her winning form.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How did you learn to surf?

LISA ANDERSEN: When I was young, we moved close to the beach in Florida, and I discovered surfing because all the kids at school surfed. It's a difficult sport to learn. You have to spend a lot of time doing it to become good at it.

Do you have a surfing nickname?

I used to when I first started. It was “Trouble,” because when I was learning, I used to accidentally run over people.

How many boards do you have?

Right now, I have about twenty in my house. Some are old and have sentimental value, so I keep them around. I don't have my first board, though I wish I did.

Do you surf around sharks?

Sharks are always in the water. You just don't think about them—until you see one. But it's not something I worry about. They're more scared of us than we are of them.

You spend so much time surfing—do you feel like a fish out of water when you're on land?

Yes, I do. I'm so used to being in the ocean that if I spend more than a week out of the water, I feel icky.

Could you ever live far from the ocean?

Never. I could probably live as far as ten miles away and that's it. I would miss it too much—I'd go crazy.

THE LONGEST SWIM



Last year, Australian **Susie Maroney** became the first person to swim nonstop from Cuba to Florida. Swimming in a protective

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F. Susie swims in a wire cage out of jellyfish.

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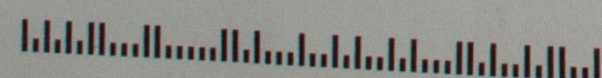
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NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What's it like to swim for so many hours straight?

SUSIE MARONEY: I usually start hurting after about five hours. My arms get really tired, and I have to concentrate on my stroke. Then I seem to be okay, but I might start hurting again after another five hours.

Why do you like swimming long distances?

It's the feeling afterwards of knowing that you've swum farther than you've ever swum before. It's a high that lasts for weeks.

How did you train for the Cuba to Florida swim?

Monday through Friday, I swam six hours in the

morning and three hours in the afternoon at a pool. I also swam in the ocean for six hours every Saturday. I did this for two years nonstop.



SHARKPROOF: Susie Maroney swims in a wire cage that keeps out sharks—but not jellyfish.

What is it like to swim through the night?

That is definitely the hardest part. I couldn't see anyone on the escort boat. It got really lonely. And I started hallucinating, because I was so tired. I would see baby monkeys all around my cage talking to each other.

How did you cope with the loneliness?

I'd sing Madonna songs or go through an episode of *Seinfeld* scene by scene to make myself laugh.

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More MISSION: IMMERIBLE



AGAINST THE TIDE: Susie battles treacherous currents.

Did you eat and drink during the swim?

My throat would swell up because of the salt water, so I couldn't really swallow much. I would just have baby food and Gatorade, while treading water. During the night, I'd have hot chocolate or coffee just to keep me awake.



TAKING A DIVE

Michael Faught is director of the underwater archaeology program at Florida State University in Tallahassee. He scuba dives in oceans and rivers to excavate shipwrecks and prehistoric sites.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: How did you get into underwater archaeology?

MICHAEL FAUGHT: In college, I was interested in archaeology and the great population growth at the end of the last Ice Age [around 11,000 years ago]. Sea levels were much lower at the time, so there are sites where people lived that were on dry land then but are underwater now. And that's what I do—explore those sites.

What's the most important thing you've found?

At one prehistoric site off the coast of Florida, we found a [spear-like] point that's about 9,000 years old. We also found elephant, horse, and giant sloth bones that are about 11,000 years old.

How do you know where to look for sunken ships?

You can check historical documents to find out where a ship went down. Or you can look at crash points—reefs and places where ships *always* crash. The third way is to use remote sensing devices, such as sonar or a magnetometer [a tool that's like a big metal detector].

Did you see any sharks?

There were three. I actually didn't see them, but the crew told me about them afterwards. I did see a sperm whale. It swam with me for a couple of hours. It was an awesome sight. I had just swum all through the night and I still couldn't see any land, so it kept my spirits up.

Is there another long swim that you would like to do?

Yeah, I'm actually going to swim from Mexico to Cuba in July. That's the next big one. It's thirty or forty miles longer than from Cuba to Florida.

Which do you like better: showers or baths?

Baths.

Would you rather swim the Channel from England to France or ride the train through the Chunnel?

Swim, definitely.

Do animals ever give you a hard time when you dive?

In the rivers, the water moccasins [American water snakes] are scary and aggressive. Alligators are kind of docile, as long as you don't go in around their dinnertime.



DIVER MAN:
Michael Faught in
the Aucilla River in
Florida, where he
found prehistoric
animal bones

Do your hands get prune?

Yes, but my feet get more pruney, because I wear booties with my fins, and I usually wear the wet booties all day long, even after I get out of the water. So my feet get really wrinkled and ugly.


What happens if you have to go to the bathroom when you're underwater?

Some people don't like to pee in their wet suits, but quite frankly, it warms you up. So I think most people do.

What's the ultimate find for someone in your field?

In terms of shipwrecks, slave ships are really important to find, because the story they tell is so important.

What has been the biggest surprise?

One time when we were digging, there was this stuff that looked like a straw mat—it was big and circular. I couldn't figure out what it was, and then it dawned on me: It was prehistoric elephant poop.  Someone forgot

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Answers on page 68.



Here are the bodies of water that Merdinand was supposed to draw.

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| 2. English Channel | 9. North Sea |
| 3. Great Salt Lake | 10. Pacific Ocean |
| 4. Gulf of Mexico | 11. Panama Canal |
| 5. Hudson River | 12. Red Sea |
| 6. Lake Erie | 13. Sea of Japan |
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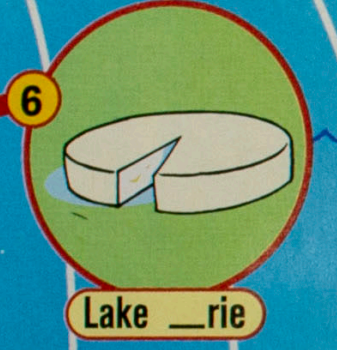
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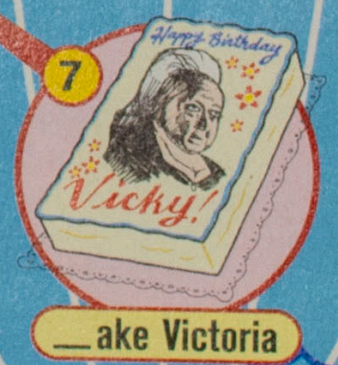
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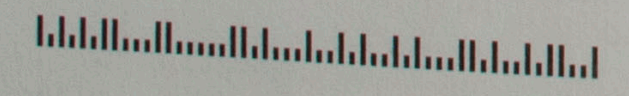


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5. Hudson River
6. Lake Erie
7. Lake Victoria



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Sing to the tune of
"This Land Is Your Land."

This towel is my towel.
This towel's not your towel.
But you have used it,
And now it smells foul.
What, did you soak it
In putrid waters?
This towel was made for only me.

This towel is my towel.
This towel's not your towel.
I stand here freezing—
So cold, I'll soon howl.
If I drip all over,
I'll be in trouble.
This towel was made for only me.

This towel was my towel.
But now it's mildewed.
With your bad b.o.
It has been imbued.
I'll use your clean towel,
And you'll be sorry.
Your towel is now reserved for me.

Where Has All the Shampoo Gone?

Sing to the tune of
"Where Have All the Flowers Gone?"

Where has all the shampoo gone—
Long time passing?
Where has all the shampoo gone—
Long time ago?
Where has all the shampoo gone?
The bottles are empty, ev'ry one.
When will I ever learn?
When will I ever learn?

Sing these the next time you
have a bathroom grievance.

(Ask an adult to hum the melody if
you have trouble with these tunes.)



We Shall Not Be Bathed

Sing to the tune of "We Shall Overcome."

We shall not be bathed.
We shall not be bathed.
We shall not be bathed today.

Oh, someday soon, we shall
be bathed,
But we shall not be bathed today.

If I Had a Hamper

Sing to the tune of "If I Had a Hammer."

If this room had a door lock, I'd lock it in the morning.
I'd lock it in the evening. "Stay out of the can!"
I'd lock out siblings. I'd lock out parents.
I'd lock out my mom, my dad, my brothers, and my sisters.
"Stay out of the can!"

And if I had a heater, I'd use it in the morning.
I'd use it in the evening, to heat up the can.
I'd heat up the cold tile. I'd cause global warming.
I'd heat up the toilet seat that chills my little bottom.
Oh, heat up the can.

Let freedom ring!

And if I had a hamper, I'd fill it in the morning.
I'd fill it in the evening, to keep a clean can.
I'd fill it with dirty socks. I'd cause a stink warning.
I'd fill it with my pants, my shirts, my brothers, and my sisters
To keep a clean can.



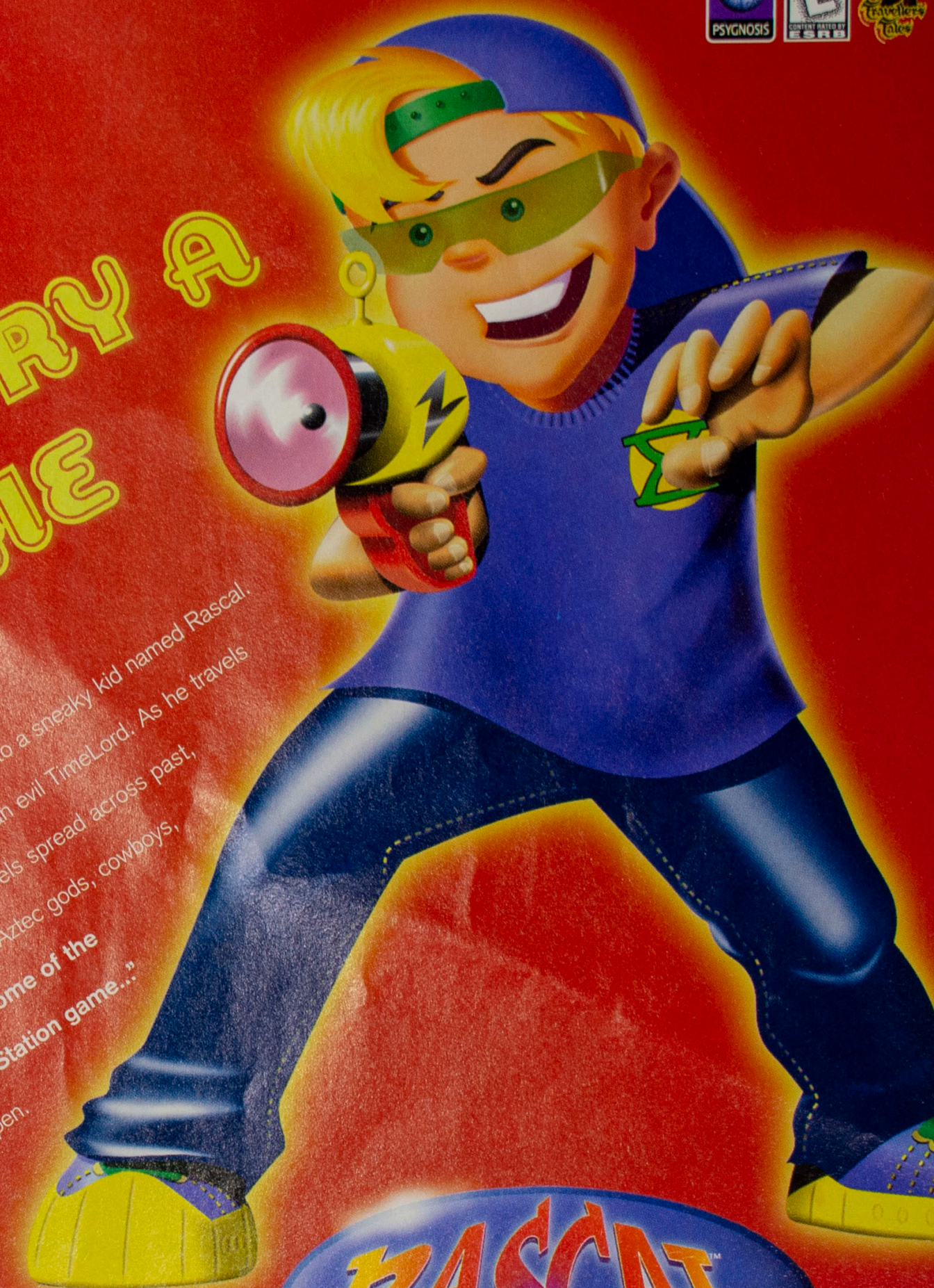
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WATER LOG

Soak up these absorbing facts about **how much water** some living (and nonliving) things take in during **an average day**.
by Maria Rosado



User	Average amount of water consumed in a day
Freshwater fish	none Freshwater fish don't drink any water through their mouths. Water does enter their bodies through their skin and gills, but the fish must pump most of it out to keep from exploding.
Bee	5 drops
Cat	1-2 teaspoons
Kitchen sponge	10 cups A kitchen sponge soaks up this much water during a family's daily dishwashing.
Human	10 cups This includes water found in sodas, fruits, and other foods.
Giant saguaro cactus	1 gallon The big daddy of cacti absorbs dew through its roots and can store enough water to fill 100 bathtubs.
Camel	0-50 gallons Camels can survive without water for up to 12 days. When water is available, they guzzle it at a rate that would kill any other animal: 30 gallons in 10 minutes.
Elephant	26-50 gallons During droughts, elephants use their tusks and trunks to get at underground water.
Oak tree	88 gallons Most of this is underground water absorbed by the tree's root system.
Toilet	140 gallons This is how much a toilet for a family of four uses.
Football field	7,140 gallons
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	690 million gallons This includes all football fields, toilets, oak trees, elephants, camels, giant saguaro cacti, humans, kitchen sponges, cats, and bees within the city limits.

MOCK NESS MONSTER

Loch Ness, a lake in Scotland, is famous for the legendary monster called Nessie, who is said to lurk in its deep waters. Now any pool of water near you can be famous, too—thanks to this do-it-yourself water-monster kit.



THE "REAL" NESSIE: This photograph, often cited as proof of the existence of the Loch Ness Monster, was taken in 1934 by a surgeon from London, England.

STEP 1

With a parent's permission, take some pictures of a pond/lake/bathtub/puddle/beach near where you live. When no one is looking, take a few shots with your finger sticking up into the frame, so you'll end up with a blur or a shadow that might *possibly* be a monster in the water (right). When the photos are developed, show the most convincing one to your friends, family, newspaper, tourist bureau, and local authorities.



STEP 3

At this point, you'll have everyone convinced, so now you need to come up with a name for your creature. If you can't think of one, just take the name of the body of water and add "-ie" to the end, such as "Nessie" for Loch Ness, "Atlantickie" for the Atlantic Ocean, or "Toiletie" for a toilet.

STEP 2

Now that your photo has everyone thinking about monsters, do the following things to convince people that the evidence is all around them.

*Make monster tracks in the mud with a swim fin (below).



*Point to dog doo and say, "Look! Monster droppings!"

*When your dad or mom (or dog) is snoring, say, "Hark! Is that not the cry of the beast?"

*Leave messages on your own answering machine in a Scottish accent, saying, "Hoot! 'Allo, lads and lassies! Ye Scottish expert in sea monsters 'ere. I've examined your photo and determined that, aye, there is indeed a horrible beastie livin' in your _____! My advice: Git out of the hoose!"

body of water

STEP 4

Time to cash in! Fill in the information on the ticket below, make photocopies, cut the tickets out, and sell them to people for a view of your monster.

See _____ * ← monster's name
 At _____ ← place where the monster is supposed to be
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SunKen^{Real} Junk

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TREADING WATER: An M60 tank sits off the coast of Sea Girt, New Jersey.

Tanks a Lot

Most old tanks and ships are passed on to scrap yards, but the state of New Jersey has relocated some military trash to the ocean floor. Over the past 14 years, the state submerged approximately 250 army tanks and more than 100 ships to create a habitat for mussels and young fish. The reefs have also become popular spots for fishing and scuba diving.

Underwater Pile-Up

Up until last year, old cars were one of Alabama's most popular reef materials. The car bodies deteriorated quickly, however, and were easily tossed about by storms, which upset the thousands of red snapper that lived there. Fishermen also complained about catching

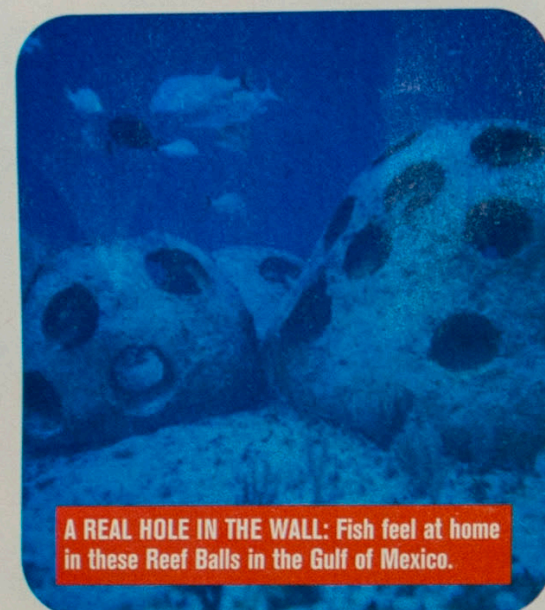


A PLACE TO CRASH: Alabama switched from sinking cars (left) to sinking tanks (above).

car hoods and slicing their nets on rusty fenders. Alabama's reefs are now built from longer-lasting items, such as tanks or large garbage containers.

It's Plane to Sea

In 1993, the owner of an old Boeing 727 airplane donated the jet to the government of Dade County, Florida. To show its appreciation, the county gave the plane a first-class ticket to the bottom of the ocean. For a year, the airliner housed more than 100 local high-school experiments, testing everything from how coral grows to the effects of seawater on plastic bags. In 1994, a tropical storm ruined the experiments, but the jet still attracts many fish and divers.



A REAL HOLE IN THE WALL: Fish feel at home in these Reef Balls in the Gulf of Mexico.

On the Ball

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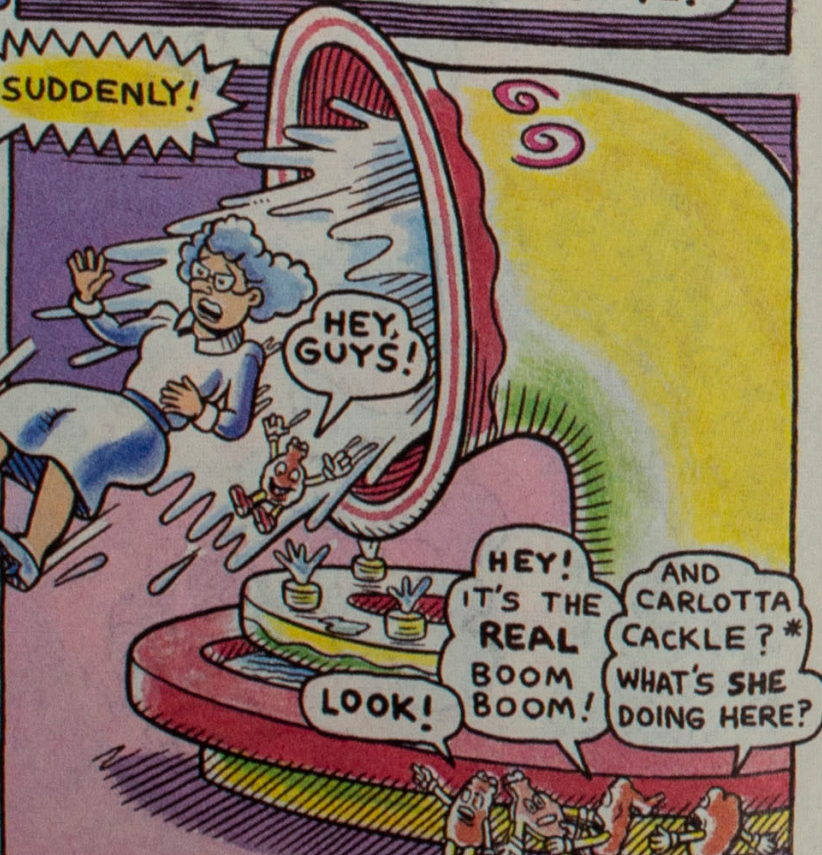
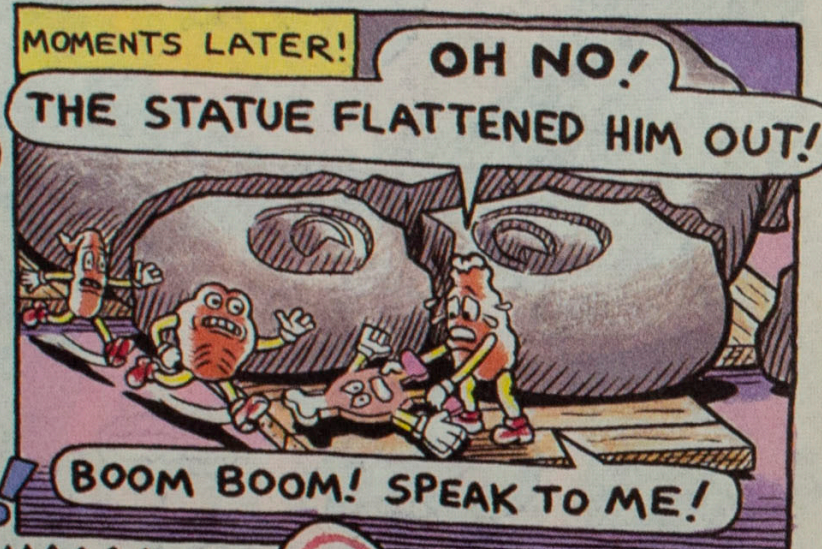
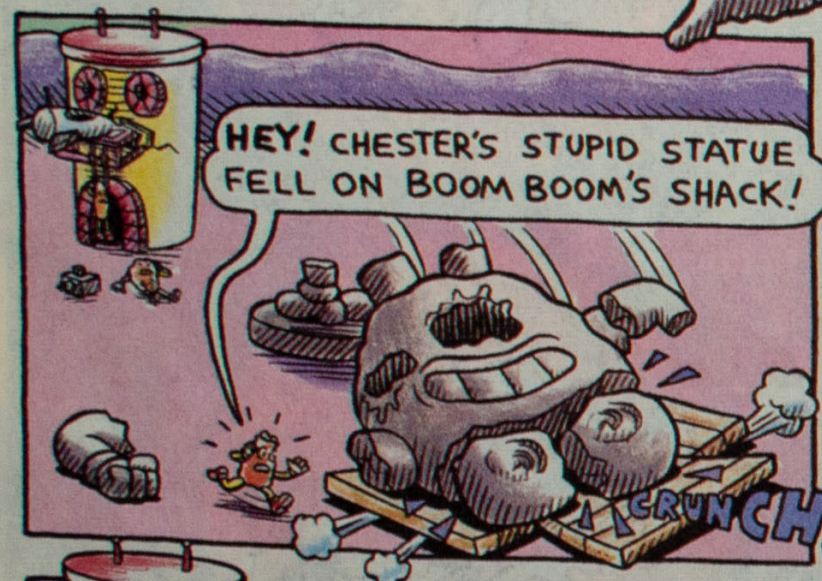
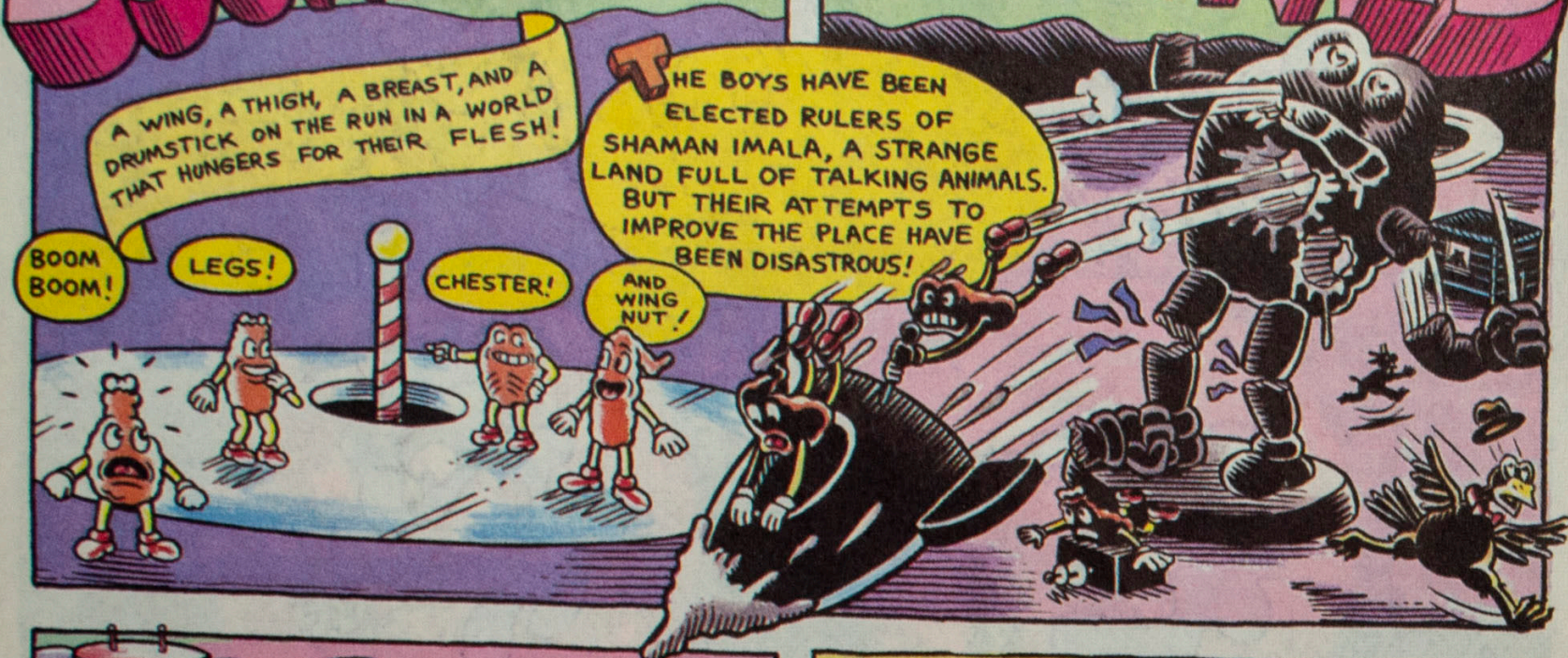
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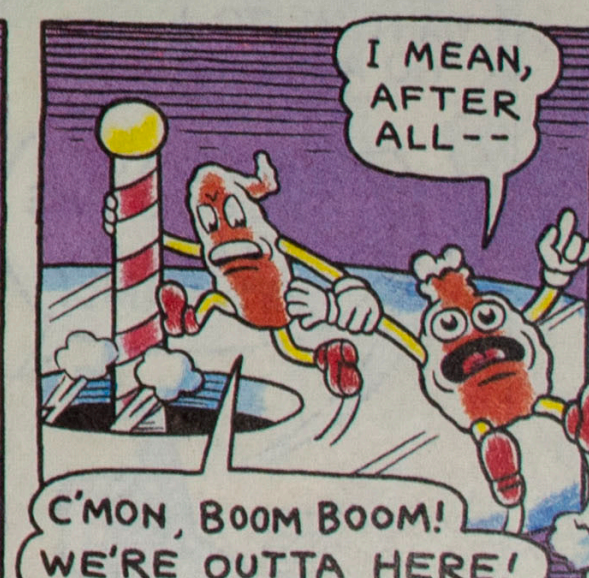
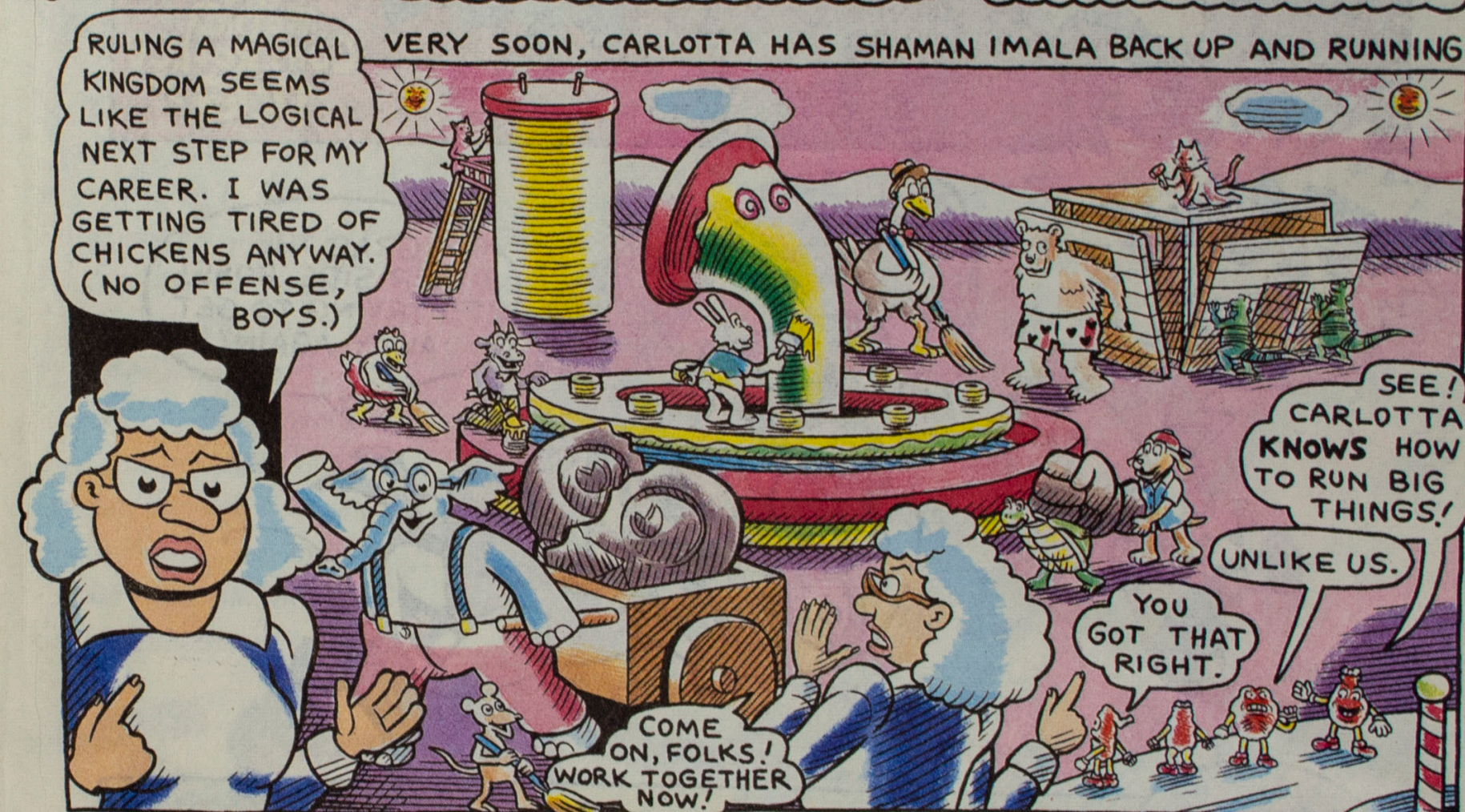
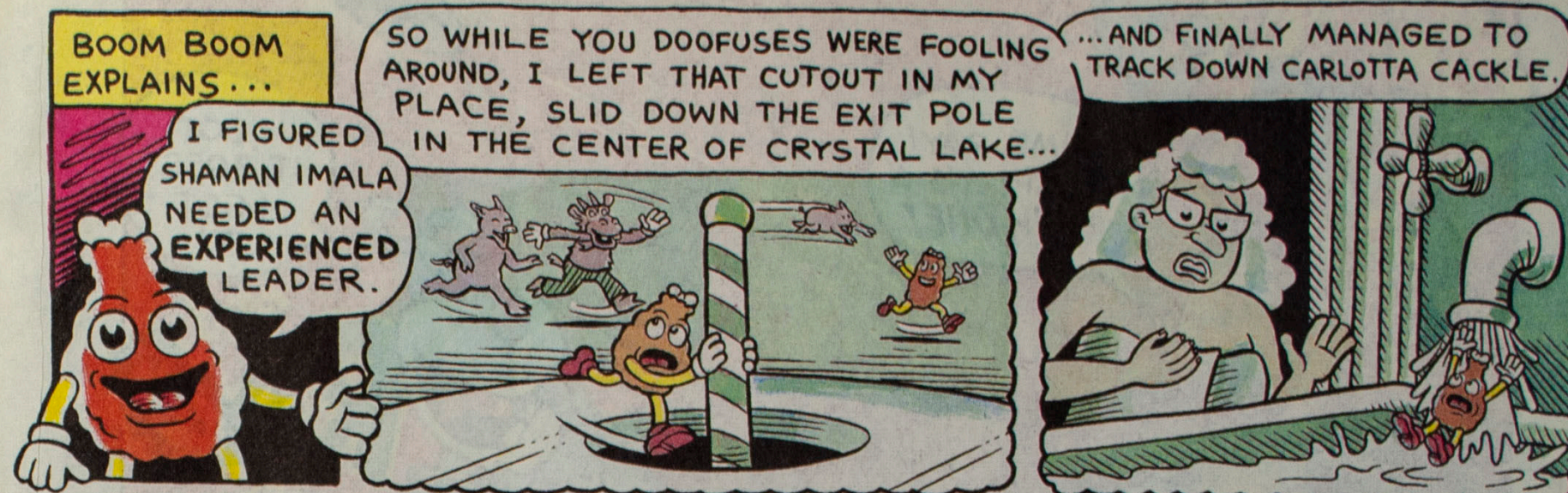


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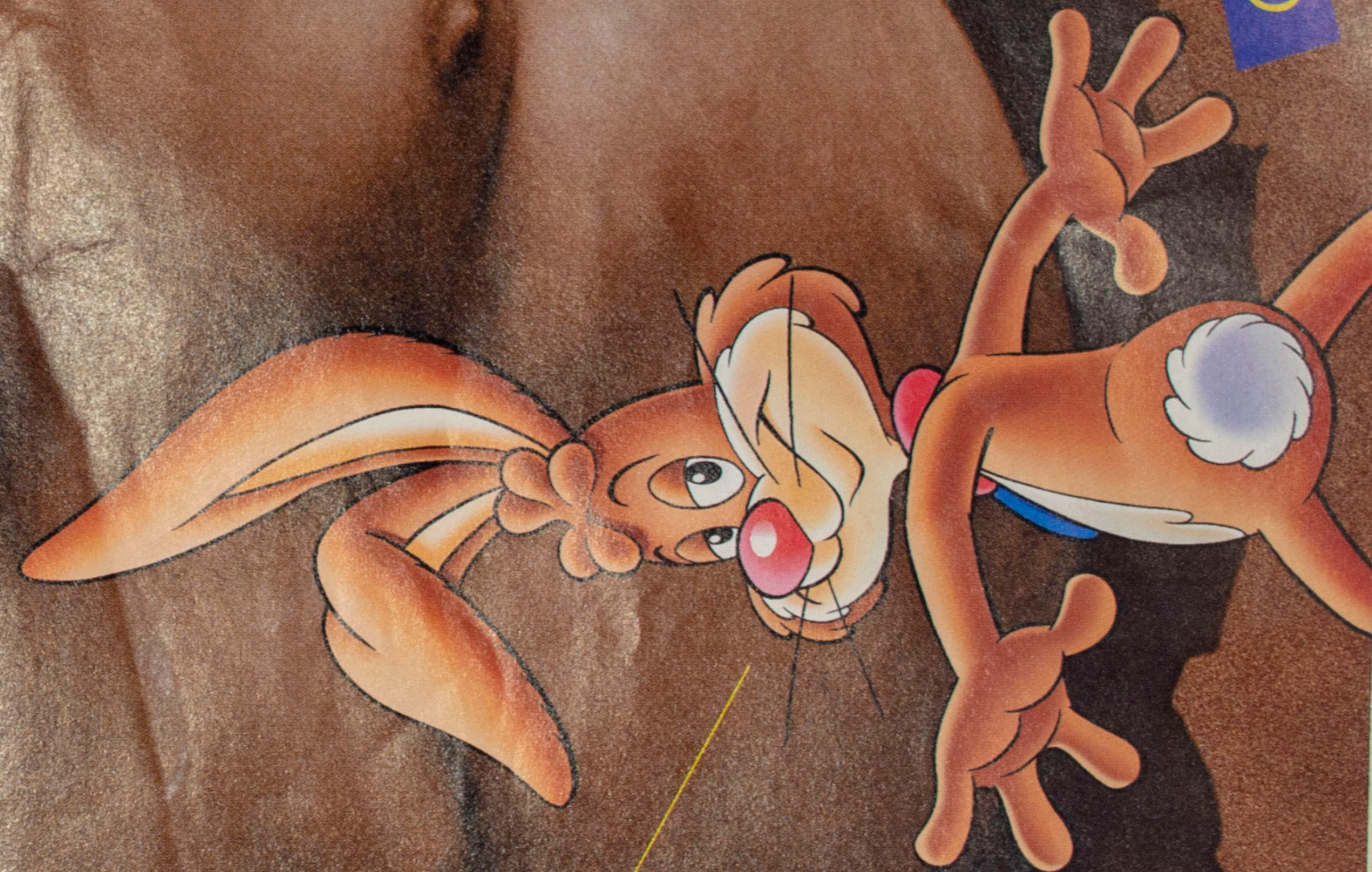


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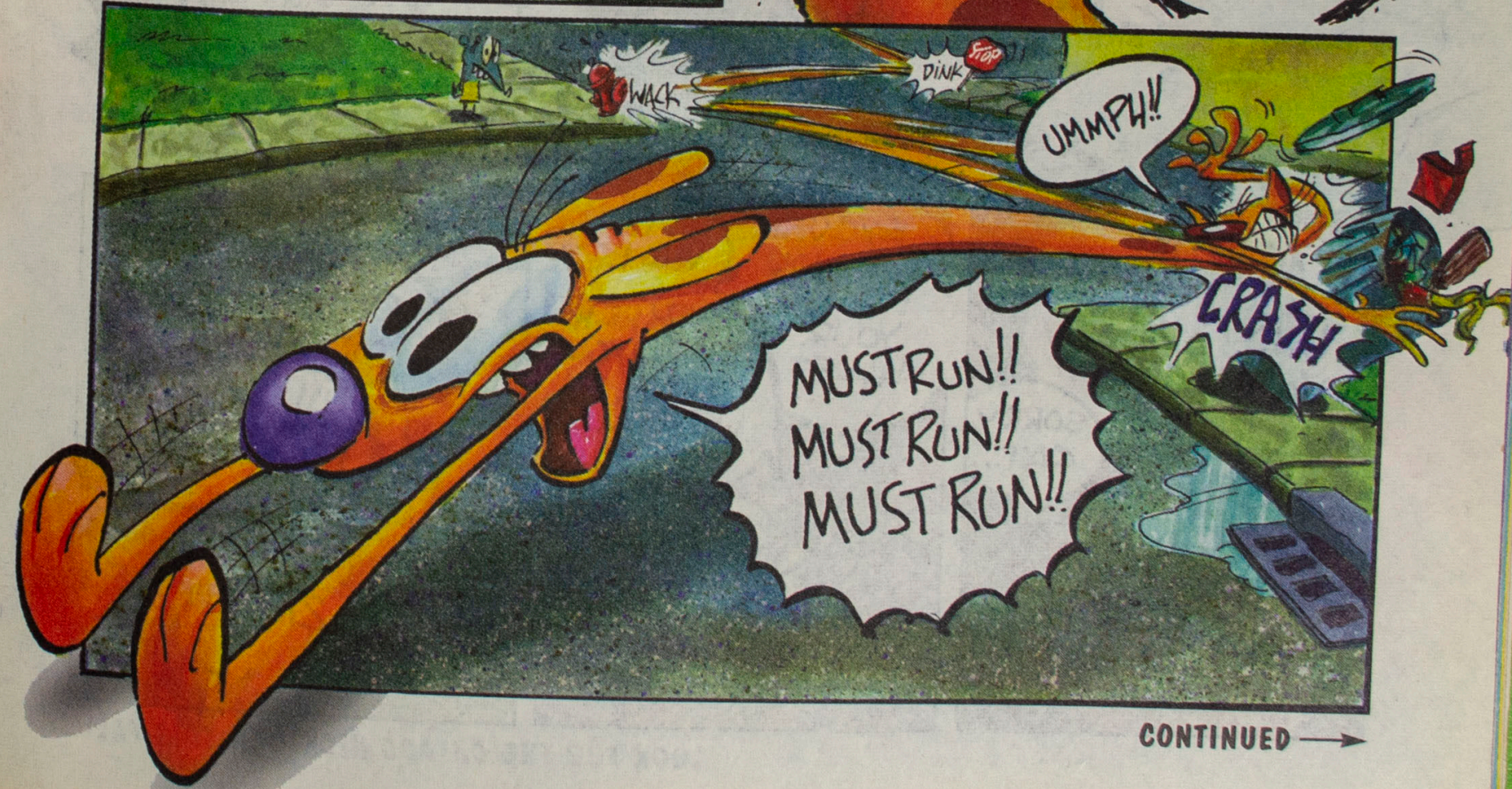
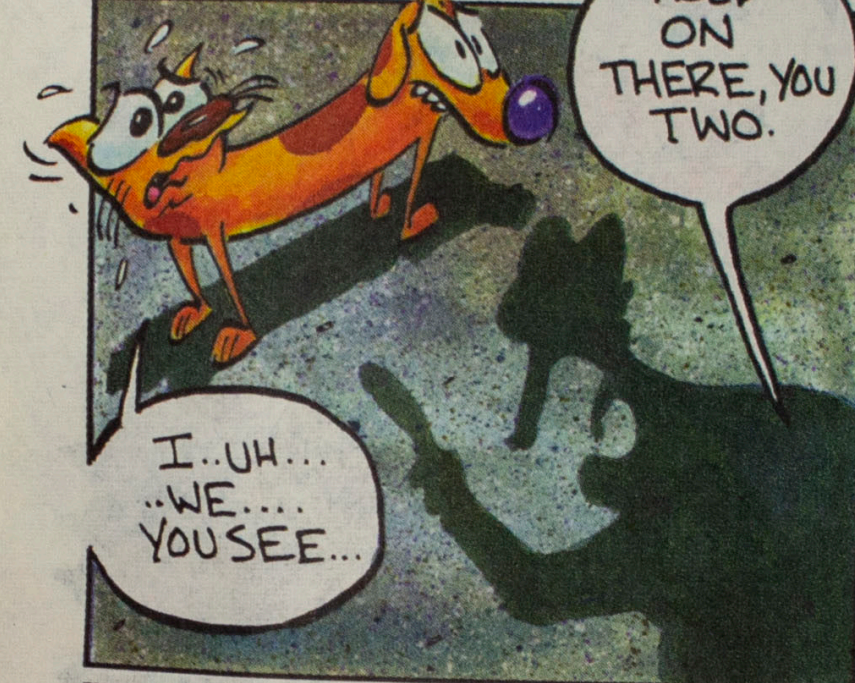
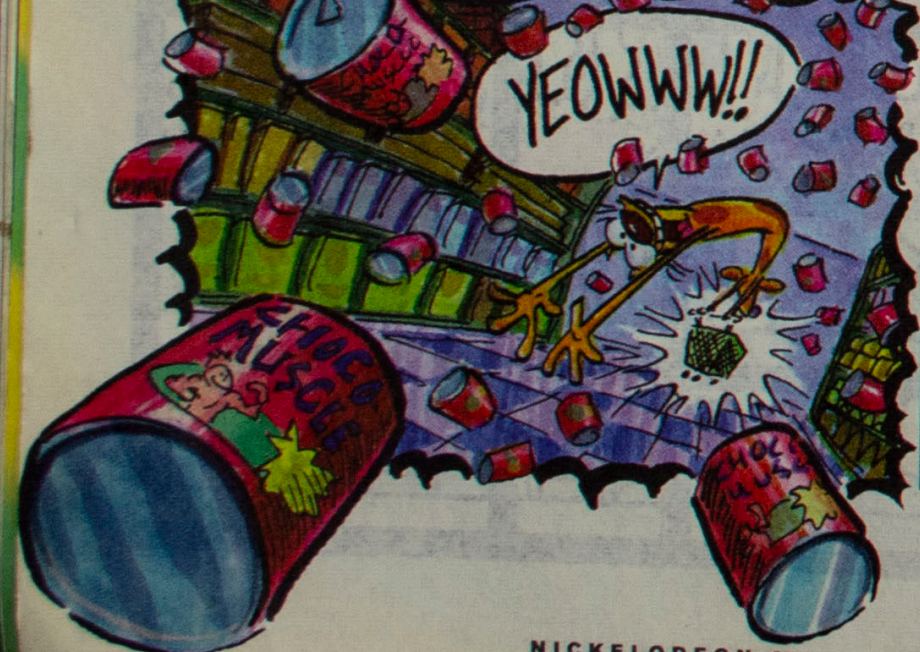
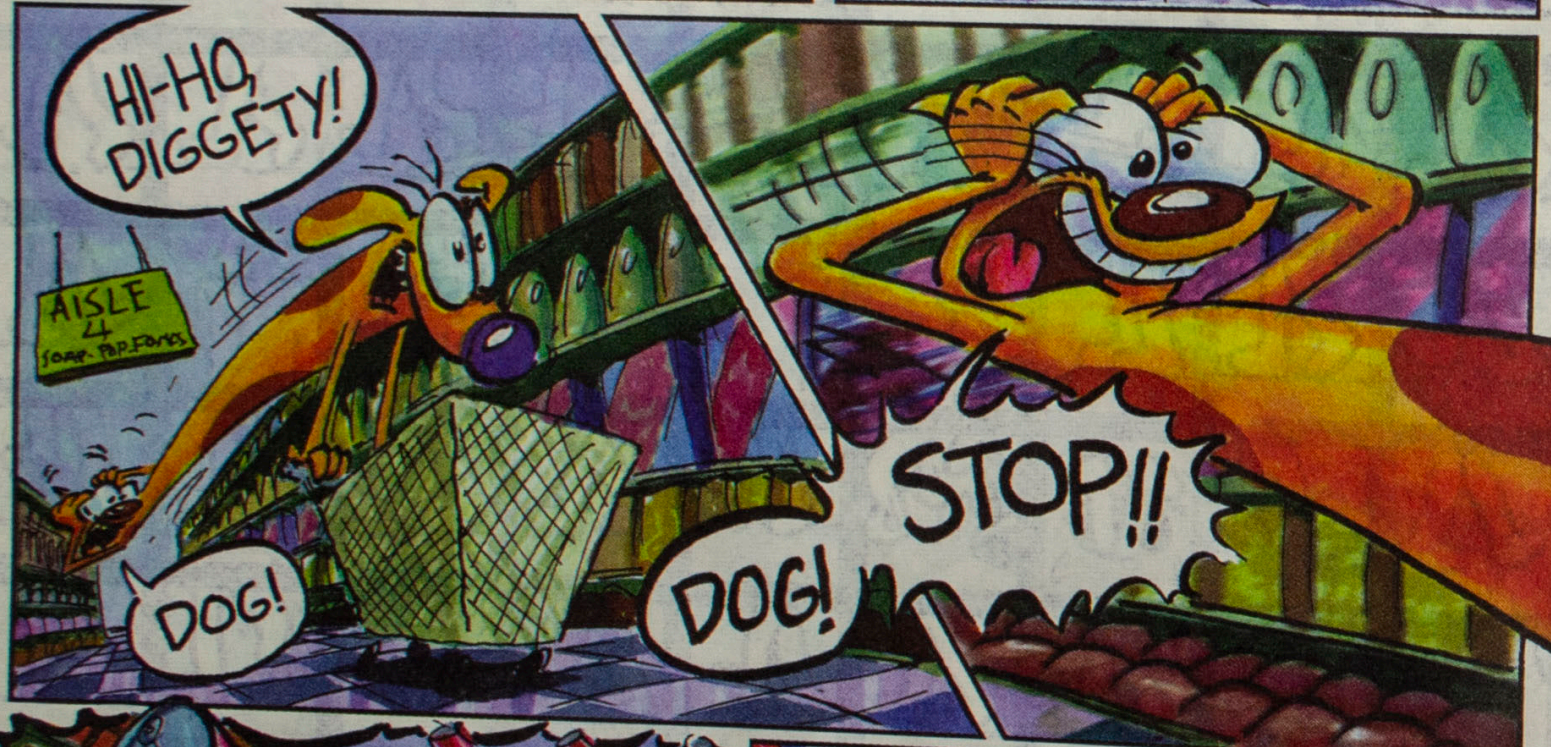
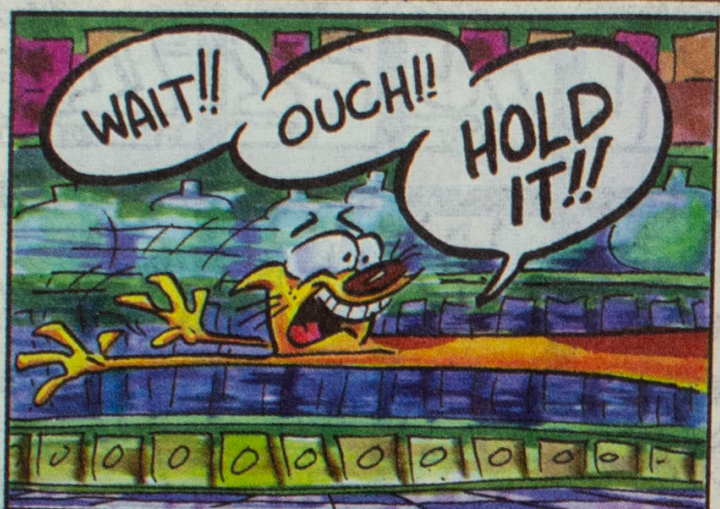
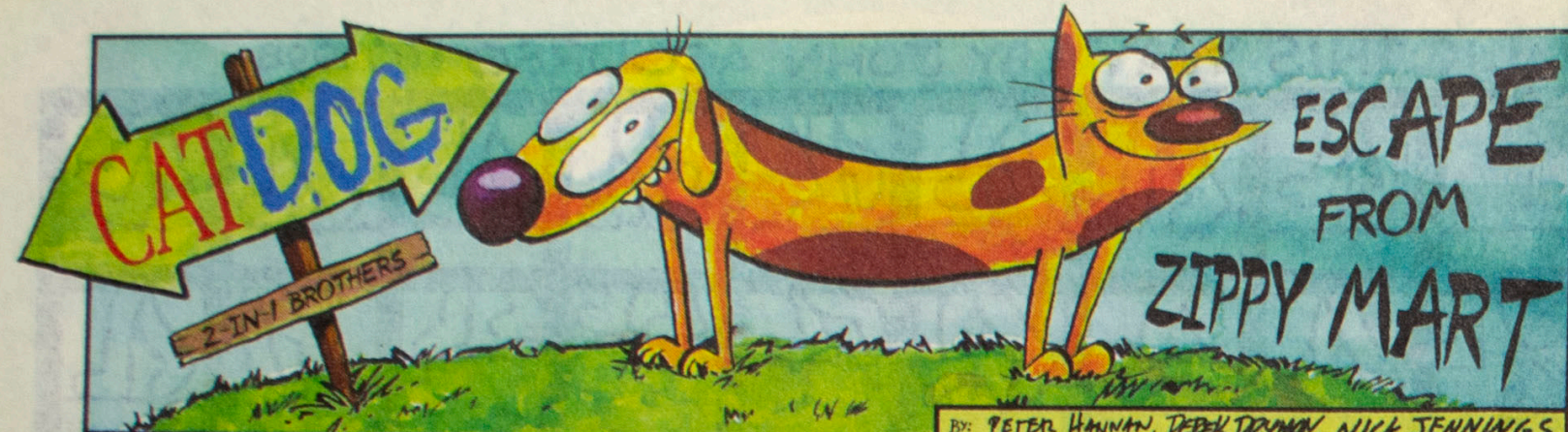


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Terms below that are true for you.
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your nose plugs.

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es are salty.

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your sibling calls you a little shrimp.

any sometimes.

Some people really dig me.
I don't open up for just anyone.
I know I can be a little
shellfish at times.



AN OCTOPUS?



Nobody
accuse me
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Eight is
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A SEA HORSE?



Of course, they'd never
do a TV show about a talking
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Do You Live Underwater?



Check the items below that are true for you. If you check three or more, you might consider getting a pair of nose plugs.

- ☐ You're under a lot of pressure.
- ☐ Your tears are salty.
- ☐ You spend your days in a school.
- ☐ Sometimes you feel all washed up.
- ☐ Everyone sponges off you.
- ☐ You know how to do the wave.
- ☐ Coral is your best color.
- ☐ Your older sibling calls you a little shrimp.
- ☐ You get crabby sometimes.
- ☐ You usually go with the flow.
- ☐ The days just seem to drift by.
- ☐ You have lots of mussels.

WHAT'S INSIDE THE BRAIN OF...

A CLAM?

Oh, I just get so steamed sometimes! Some people really dig me. I don't open up for just anyone. I know I can be a little shellfish at times.



AN OCTOPUS?



Nobody can ever accuse me of having two left feet. I hope I'm nominated for a Squid's Choice Award. My least favorite book: *A Farewell to Arms*. Maybe I should ink-orporate.



A SEA HORSE?

Of course, they'd never do a TV show about a talking sea horse, would they? The other horses all have stables; me, I get a couple of lousy rocks. I'm a little hoarse. Maybe I could get a shrimp to be my jockey.



PIPE *Dreams*

Geoff Edgers flushed out the answers to our plumbing questions.

Real

Where does the water go after you flush the toilet, take a shower, or use the sink?

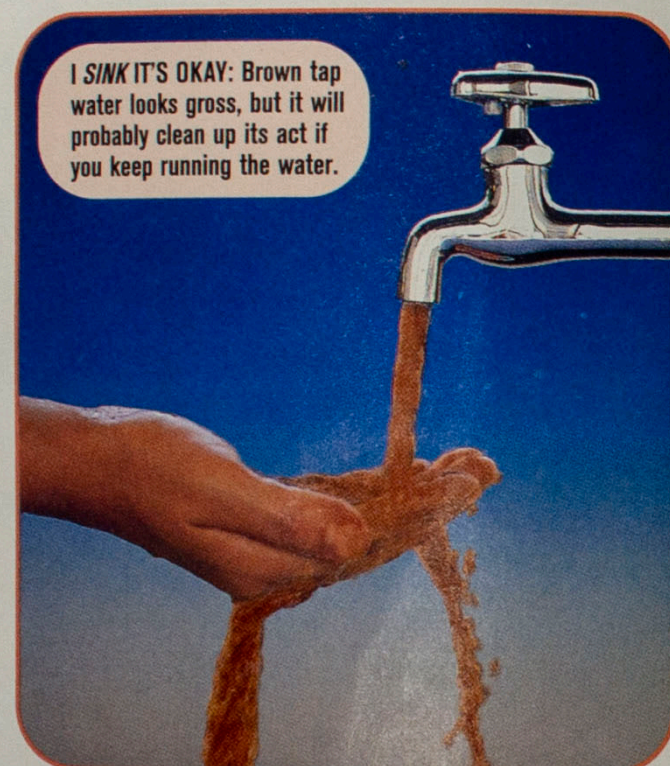
Whether you flush, brush, or bathe, all used water in your home goes to the same place. If you live in the country or the suburbs, wastewater is usually piped to an underground septic tank on your property. Bacteria in the tank decompose the waste into a harmless liquid that seeps out into the ground and gases that vent into the air.

In the city, there isn't enough room for every building to have its own septic tank. Instead, wastewater travels through an underground network of pipes to sewage treatment plants. There, the mucky water is put through filters, treated with bacteria that "digest" the harmful wastes, and then doused with chemicals, such as chlorine. In the end, the water is waste-free and gets poured into lakes, rivers, or the ocean. The sewage treatment plant is left with a squishy by-product called sludge, which is buried, burned, used as fertilizer, or digested by even more bacteria.

A whole city's waste can really add up. In Los Angeles, the Hyperion Treatment Plant processes 350 to 400 million gallons of wastewater every day.



SO SEWAGE ME: The Hyperion Treatment Plant in Los Angeles.



I SINK IT'S OKAY: Brown tap water looks gross, but it will probably clean up its act if you keep running the water.

Why is water sometimes brown when it comes out of the tap? Is it safe to drink?

The bad news is that tap water usually turns brown from rust, dirt, and minerals in the water pipes. The good news is that this brown water is almost never harmful, and the color will usually disappear after you run the water for a few minutes.

Sometimes your water is brown because you haven't used the faucet in a while—the normally invisible bits of rust and dirt have built up over time. But the stuff lining the pipes also gets loosened when water is blasted through the pipes faster than usual. It's like when you wash a dish: The harder you run the water, the easier the dried food comes off.

This explains why brown water often occurs when fire hydrants have been opened. Opening a fire hydrant makes water shoot quickly through nearby pipes, making tap water rusty.

Why does tap water taste different in different parts of the country?

It's pretty easy to mix instant lemonade powder into water. Something similar happens underground. Harmless minerals from the soil dissolve into well water, rivers, lakes, and springs, which are our main sources of drinking water. The taste of tap water depends on the water's mix of minerals. Sometimes the taste is also affected by chlorine, which some communities put into the water to purify it.

These different ingredients mean that some faucet water is tastier than others. According to the judges of the 1998 Festival of the Waters in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, the best-tasting tap water in the United States spurts from the faucets of Los Angeles. (The water of Montpelier, Ohio, was a close second.)

Is it okay for an animal to drink out of the toilet bowl?

The water in your toilet comes from the same pipes that provide your tap water, but that doesn't mean it's a good idea to let the water closet be your pooch or kitty's watering hole. The toilet bowl can be pretty dirty, and if it's not, the cleaning chemicals used to disinfect the toilet are harmful to your pet. ❑



WRONG BOWL, BOWSER!: It's not a good idea to let your pet drink from the toilet.

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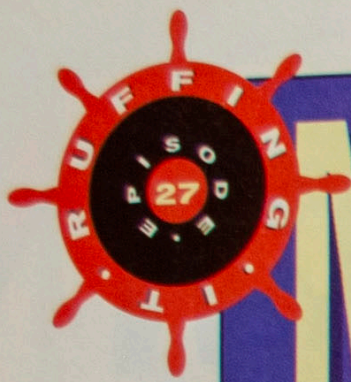


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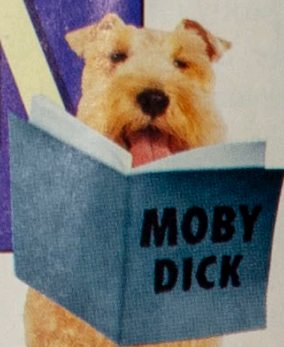
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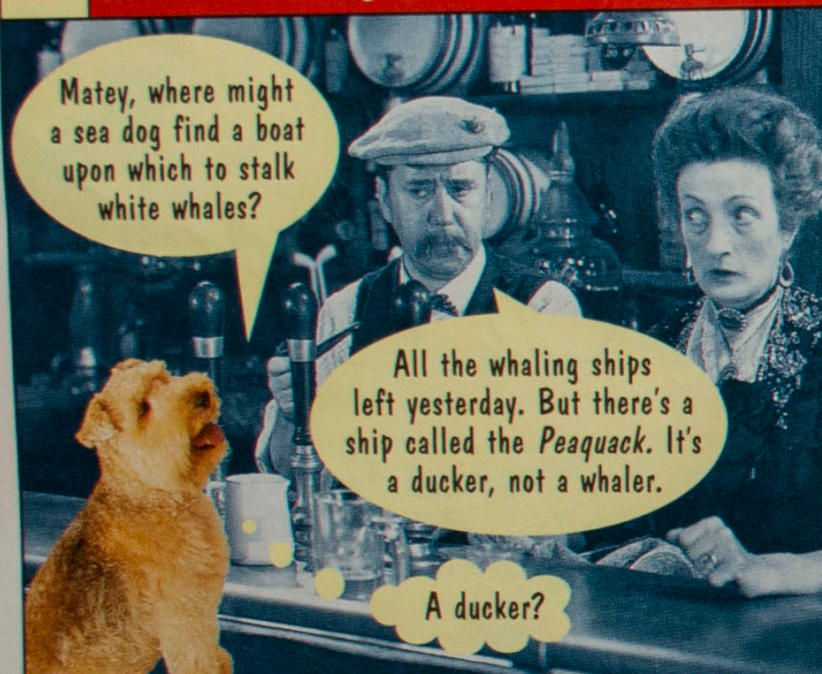
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Featuring ZELDA VAN GUTTERS, Roving Reporter



Call me Zelda. Whenever I am down in the snout, whenever it is a damp, drizzly November in my soul, whenever I find myself nipping people's ankles, it's time to take to the sea.

1 I checked into Ye Olde Blowhole Inn in Nanducket, Massachusetts, and looked for a whaling ship.



3 After three days on the briny sea, we met the one-tusked Captain A-Flab, who had been in his cabin, brooding. He made us this promise:



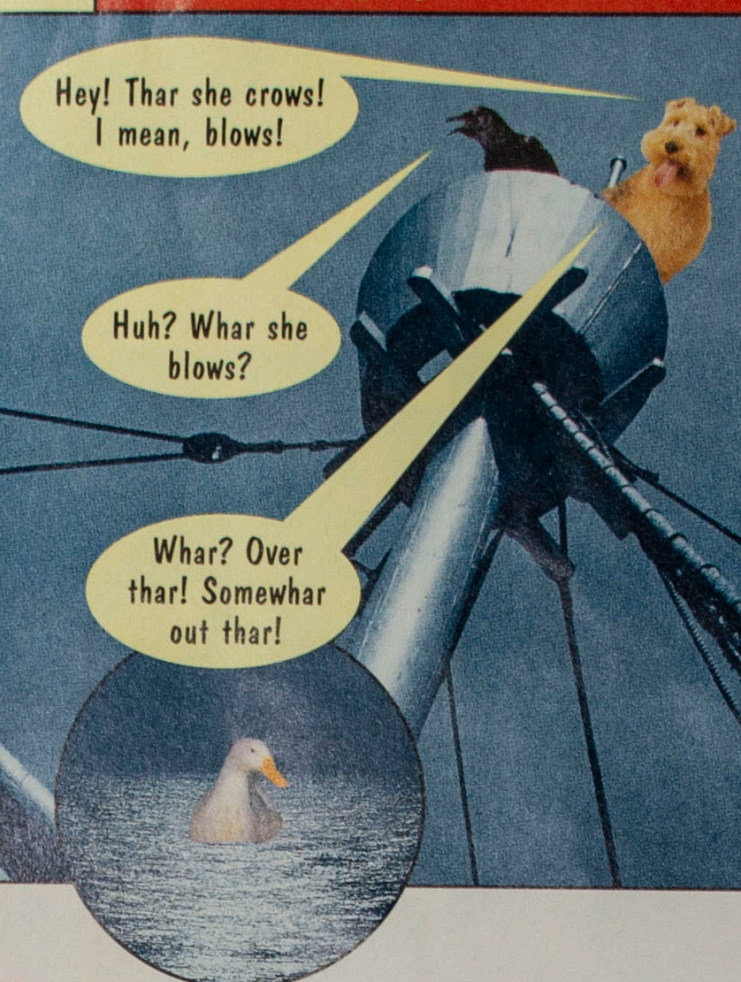
2 The next morning I reported to the Peaquack's chief mate, Starbuck.



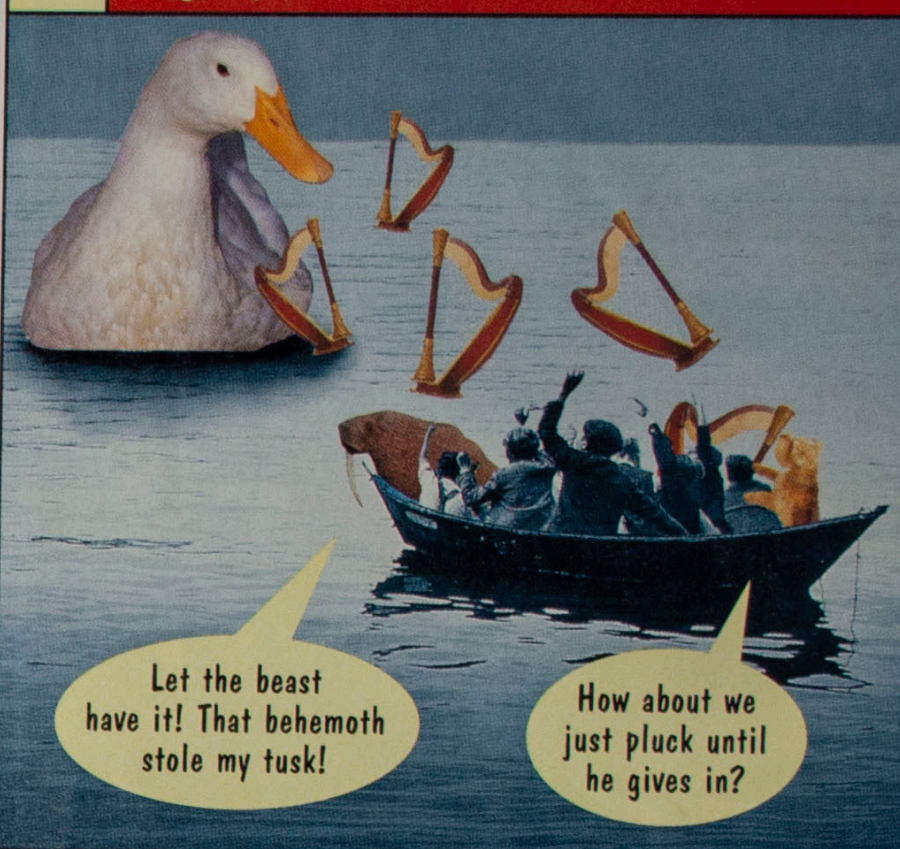
4 That evening while on KP duty, I served weird Captain A-Flab his nightly dinner: filet of driftwood.



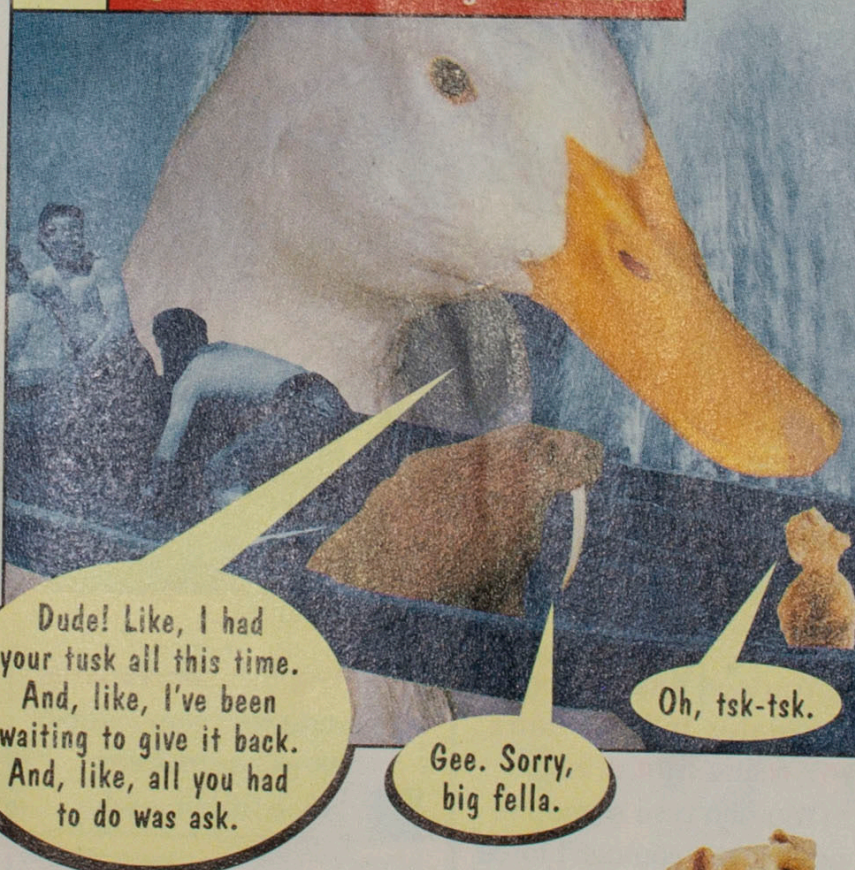
5 The next night it was my turn up in the ship's crow's nest. Now I know why they call it the crow's nest.



6 With trembling hearts, we rowed towards the mammoth duck. I was glad to find out I wasn't the only one who had brought the wrong weapon.



7 Moby Duck tossed the boat about with his mighty beak. It looked like big trouble when...



8 A-Flab and Moby decided to sail the seas together. Back ashore, it was time to spend my shiny new gold doubloon.



Seems I dozed off during some reading. Well, so much for my aquatic adventures and doggy daydreaming. This salty dog is staying on dry land for a while.

ALL WET

by Amy Wilson

Hidden in this scene are 10 familiar sayings having to do with water. We've listed the sayings and what they mean below. Can you fish them all out? Here's one to start you off: The kid leaping off the dock is acting out the first expression, "Go jump in a lake!"
Answers on page 68.



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| 1 "Go jump in a lake!"
(Get out of here!) | 4 "Mad as a wet hen"
(Really angry) | 7 "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink."
(You can give someone advice, but you can't force him or her to use it.) | 9 "Fishing for compliments"
(Hinting for other people to say something nice about you) |
| 2 "Packed in like sardines"
(Squished into a small space) | 5 "A fish out of water"
(A person who seems out of place) | 8 "A fine kettle of fish"
(A tricky situation) | 10 "Raining cats and dogs"
(Heavy rain) |
| 3 "Keep your head above water."
(Stay out of danger.) | 6 "A wet blanket"
(A person who spoils other people's fun) | | |



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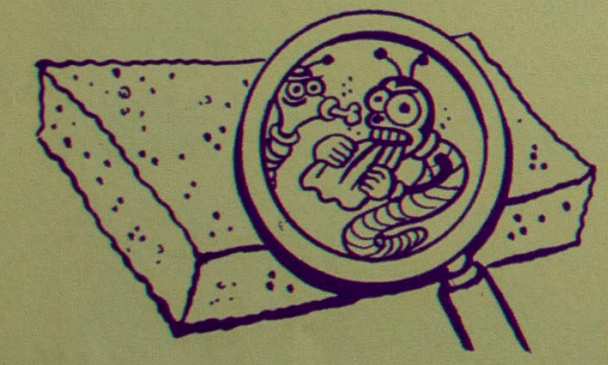
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Freak O system

by Amy Weingartner

Humpback Whales



What are they?

They're large whales found in every ocean of the world. They are named for the hump of fat on their backs.

What do they eat?

Humpbacks eat plankton (tiny animals and plants), sardines, anchovies, and other small fish.

How big are they?

A humpback whale can grow to be more than 50 feet long (the length of three cars) and can weigh up to 48 tons (as much as 27 cars).

No ID bracelet needed

The underside of a humpback whale's flukes (tail fins) has a black-and-white pattern that, like fingerprints for humans, is unique to each whale and can be used for identification.



Neat party trick

Humpbacks sometimes float on their backs, loudly slapping one flipper or their tail fins on the surface of the water. This is called lobtailing. Scientists don't know why humpbacks lobtail, but it sounds like fun.

Singers of the sea

Humpback whales make sounds that form a long, beautiful pattern of notes. These songs consist of moos, squeaks, deep cries, and even bagpipe-like moans. Scientists aren't sure what purpose the singing serves, but it's probably related to mating. The songs are most frequently sung in the tropical waters where the whales go to breed in the winter.



The hump of the humpback.

A Grammy for this mammal?

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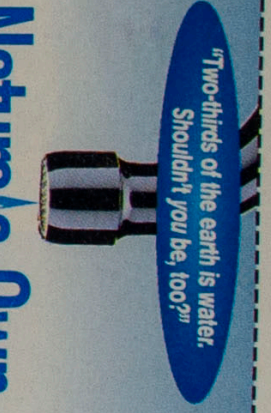
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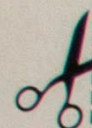
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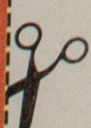
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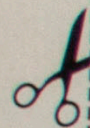
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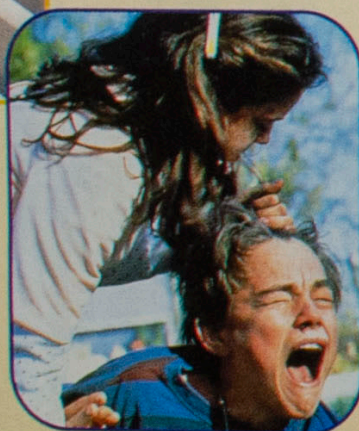
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 James Brown, singer and songwriter, born, 1933. His papa had a brand new... baby.	4 National Herb Week begins. Hey, herbi!	5 Babe Ruth hits his first Major League home run, 1915. One down, 713 more to go.	6 Egg-cellent Fact #1: Chickens with white feathers lay white eggs, and chickens with brown feathers lay brown eggs.	7 Beethoven's Ninth Symphony premieres, 1824. The 9th premiered on the 7th.	8 Dr. John S. Pemberton introduces his formula for Coca-Cola, 1886. He's the pop of soda pop.	9 Egg-cellent Fact #2: Fresh eggs will sink in a bowl of water, but old eggs will float.
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17 Mia Hamm, soccer player, born, 1972. She got off on the right foot.	18 Egg-cellent Fact #3: The age of the hen determines the size of the egg. The older the hen, the bigger the eggs.	19 Golden Gate Bridge opens, 1937. Wear suspenders.	20 Dolley Madison, wife of James Madison, 4th U.S. President, born, 1768. Hello, Dolley!	21 Kodiak Crab Festival begins in Kodiak, Alaska. We hope they're in a good mood.	22 Egg-cellent Fact #4: An eggshell can have up to 17,000 tiny holes in its surface.	23 Dakota Cowboy Poetry Gathering, in Medora, North Dakota, begins. Shootout at the Haiku Corral.
24	25 Mike Myers, actor and comedian, born, 1963. Yeah, baby! <i>Memorial Day</i>	26	27	28 Egg-cellent Fact #5: Ohio produces the most eggs in the country.	29 Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay are the first to reach the top of Mount Everest, 1953. Did they ever rest?	30
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A Leo-graphy Test

Leonardo DiCaprio's fame reached titanic proportions this year, but how well do you know the man behind the iron mask? Find out by taking this quiz. Answers on page 68.



GROWING PAINS: Leonardo at age 15 (above), as Arnie in *What's Eating Gilbert Grape* (right), and as Jack in *Titanic* (below).



Who's your groomer?

Write T or F next to each statement.

1. Leonardo DiCaprio's great-great-grandmother, Lusitania, built the lifeboats for the *Titanic*.
2. Leonardo's parents named him Leonardo because when his mother was pregnant with him, she felt him kicking while she was looking at a painting by Leonardo da Vinci.
3. Leonardo's father was once a comic-book distributor.
4. In nursery school, Leonardo performed in a play called *The Boy in the Iron Diaper*.
5. His nickname is the Noodle.
6. Leonardo has never taken an acting lesson.
7. He kissed Sharon Stone in the movie *The Quick and the Dead*.
8. In the movie *Total Eclipse*, Leonardo played Arthur Rambo, a machine-gun-wielding poet.
9. He was nominated for an Academy Award for playing Arnie Grape in *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*.
10. Olympic gold medal-winning swimmer Amy Van Dyken was Leonardo's stunt double for some of the water scenes in *Titanic*.

Circle the letter of the correct answer for each question.

11. Leonardo's first commercial was for:
 - a. H&R Block.
 - b. a reading program called *Hooked on Titanix*.
 - c. Matchbox cars.
12. A talent agent wanted Leonardo to change his name to:
 - a. Michelangelo DiCaprio.
 - b. Lenny Bruce.
 - c. Lenny Williams.
13. In the 1991-1992 season of *Growing Pains*, he played:
 - a. Luke Bower, a homeless boy who moves in with the Seavers.
 - b. Nuke Sour, a punk rocker who goes on a date with Carol.
 - c. Luke Flower, a hippie folk singer who joins the Seaver family band.
14. During the filming of William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* in Mexico, Leo caught:
 - a. dysentery and threw up for days.
 - b. the Shakespeare bug and started speaking in rhyming couplets.
 - c. Claire Danes picking her nose.
15. In the movie *Titanic*, Leo's character, Jack Dawson, gets aboard ship by:
 - a. disguising himself as an oversize diamond necklace.
 - b. winning a ticket in a poker game.
 - c. trading his sketches for a ticket.



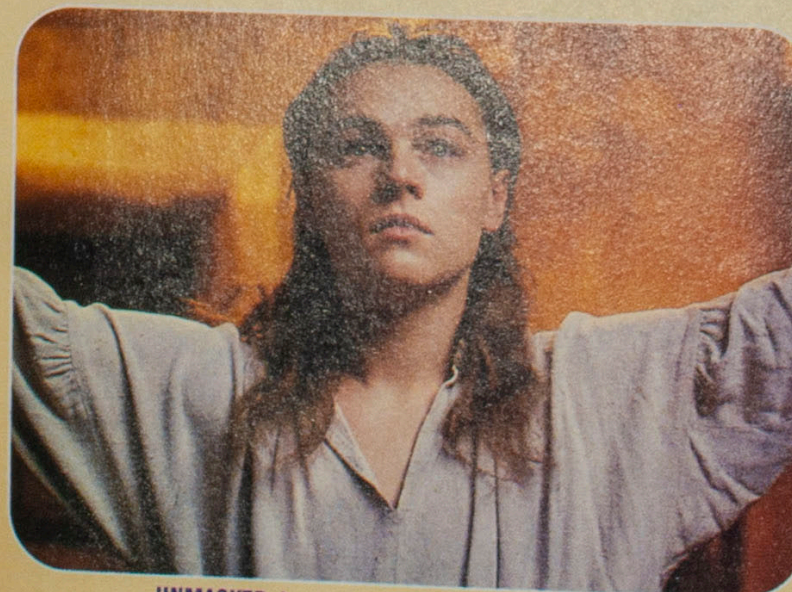
LUKE-Y IN LOVE: Leo in *Growing Pains* (above), and with Claire Danes in *Romeo and Juliet* (right).



16. *The Man in the Iron Mask* is about:
 - a. a baseball catcher who keeps getting hit by batters.
 - b. Louis XIV and his twin brother.
 - c. a steel town torn apart by a welders' strike.
17. Early in his career Leonardo acted opposite this celebrity animal:
 - a. Willy
 - b. Lassie
 - c. Scrooge McDuck
18. All the phrases below were written using only the letters in Leonardo DiCaprio's name—except one. Find it.
 - a. COIL A DIAPER DONOR
 - b. REPAID A CROON IDOL
 - c. A BIZARRE COIN DODO
 - d. DIE IN POOR CARLOAD

BONUS QUESTION:

19. Leonardo acted in all five of these movies. Number them so that they're in chronological order.
- _____ *The Man in the Iron Mask*
 - _____ *What's Eating Gilbert Grape*
 - _____ *Titanic*
 - _____ *Critters 3*
 - _____ *William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet*



UNMASKED: Leonardo in *The Man in the Iron Mask*.

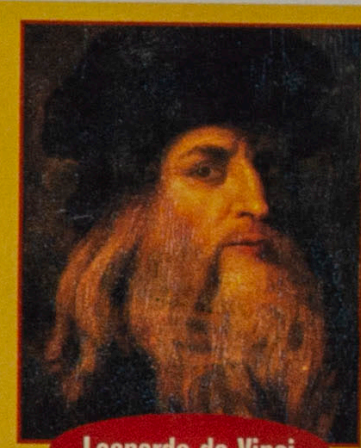
DiCaprio vs. Da Vinci

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Leonardo DiCaprio's parents named him after Leonardo da Vinci, the great Italian artist, scientist, and musician who lived from 1452 to 1519. Take a look at how the two Leos line up.



Leonardo DiCaprio



Leonardo da Vinci

Only child

Only child

Last name means "from Capri" (an island in Italy) in Italian.

Last name means "from Vinci" (a town in Italy) in Italian.

One grandfather was Italian.

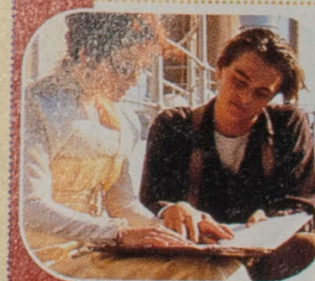
Both parents were Italian.

Known for his beauty

Known for his beautiful paintings

At age 14, got first paid acting job

At age 14, became an apprentice to a famous Italian painter



Drew attention as a perfectly adorable movie star

Drew the perfectly proportioned man

Kept notebooks of sketches as the character Jack Dawson in *Titanic*

Kept notebooks of his drawings and ideas for inventions



Skydiving (with a parachute) is one of his hobbies.

Drew first designs for a parachute

Makes girls go half-crazy

Made Mona Lisa half-smile

His new fee is \$20 million per picture.

His old paintings are priceless.



LEO WORLD

With his name in the papers every day and a humongous salary, perhaps Leonardo DiCaprio will one day take over the world! Who knows—that might not be such a bad place to live after all. Here's a look at a future where Leo the Lion roars supreme.

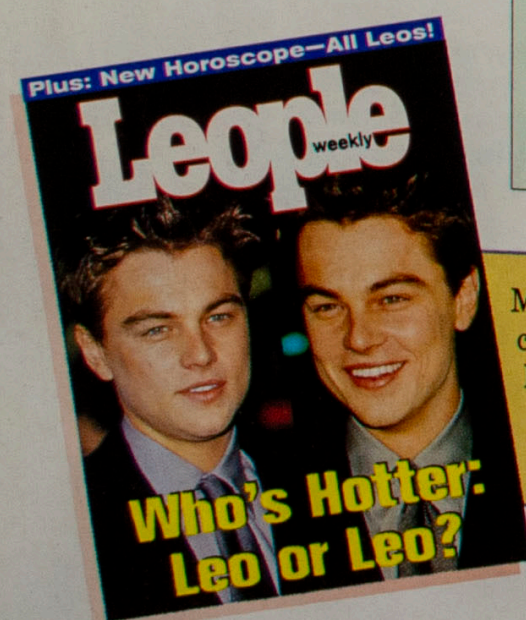
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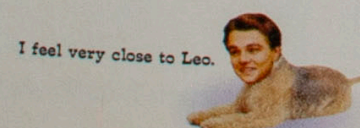
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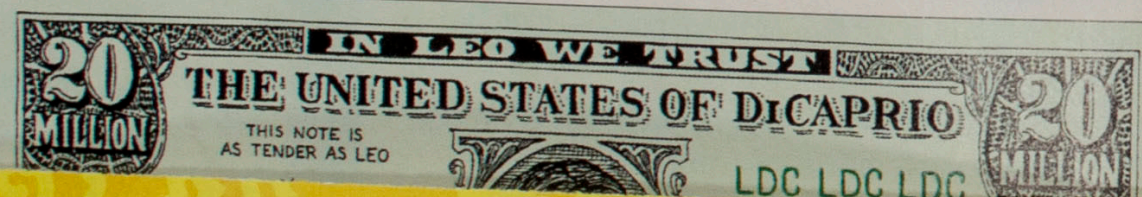
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Julia Seins Off



After eight years of hanging out in Seinfeld's apartment, Kramer, Elaine, George, and Jerry are saying "Get out!" on May 15. Art Vandelay spoke to Julia Louis-Dreyfus (Elaine) about good Seinfeld days, bad hair years, and yada, yada, yada.

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What's the funniest line you ever said on Seinfeld?

JULIA LOUIS-DREYFUS: There was one episode where I had to say to Jerry: "I can't keep coming into

this stinking apartment every ten minutes to pore over the excruciating minutia of every single daily event!"

In real life, do you say "Get out!" and push people? Actually, I do say "Get out!" but I don't shove people. That would be a little rude.

Growing up, did you have a lot of guy friends, like Elaine does?

No. I went to an all-girls school, so I had a lot of girlfriends.

How old were you when you started acting?

I did a lot of school plays, but I didn't start acting professionally till I was about nineteen or twenty.

Do you have sisters or brothers?

I have three sisters, and I'm the oldest.

What kind of big sister were you?

I think that I was probably a little bit mean to one of my sisters—I wouldn't let her into my room. But ultimately I hope that I was pretty good.

What do you remember about being ten or eleven?

I remember having a very bad shag haircut in fifth grade.

Were you the class clown?

Yes, but I wasn't a troublemaker—I was a funny-maker.

Is it ever hard to keep from laughing while taping an episode?

Oh, yeah. I'm constantly keeping everybody there much

later than I should because I can't keep it together.

What's the best and worst thing about being on a sitcom? I'm not sure there are any worst things. Sometimes you have to work very late, but that can be fun. The best thing is doing material that's challenging and exciting—and of course, all the free food!

Which do you prefer: Jujufruits or Junior Mints? Junior Mints, by far.

The day after taping the last episode, what will you do? I think I'm going to take a nap, and then I'll have a huge BLT sandwich.

When people centuries from now watch Seinfeld, what will they think of our culture? They will be disgusted.



FUNNY FOUR (above, from top): Michael Richards (Kramer), Jason Alexander (George), Julia Louis-Dreyfus (Elaine), and Jerry Seinfeld.
SOCK SEEKERS (below): Elaine with former boss Mr. Pitt (Ian Abercrombie).



JULIA'S FAVES

Snack while watching TV: Potato chips
Sitcom as a kid: The Dick Van Dyke Show
Cartoons as a kid: Tweety Bird and Pepe Le Pew
Cartoon now: Rugrats
Sitcom now: Seinfeld

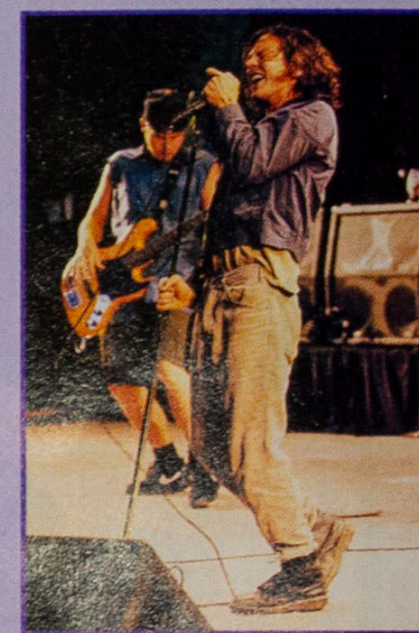
I'm starting to feel a little spazzy.

On the Beat

Pearl Jam

Some say Eddie Vedder (right, with bassist Jeff Ament) named his group Pearl Jam after his grandmother's homemade preserves. In her honor, we'd like to propose a toast to the band with the following quiz.

Circle the correct answer to each question.
Answers on page 68.



1 Pearl Jam's new album is called:

- a. Stop.
- b. Yield.
- c. Congealed.

2 Pearl Jam originally named themselves Mookie Blaylock, in honor of:

- a. Eddie's third-grade gym teacher.
- b. their favorite Ben & Jerry's ice cream flavor.
- c. the basketball player of the same name.

3 Drummer Jack Irons used to play with:

- a. the Red Hot Chili Peppers.
- b. his brother, actor Jeremy Irons.
- c. matches, until his mom caught him.

d. his dog, Rocking Rover.

4 Which of the following is the title of one of their new singles?

- a. "Wishbone"
- b. "Wishlist"
- c. "Shopping List"

5 The band's first album was called Ten.

- ___ True
- ___ False

6 Guitarist Stone Gossard got his name because he likes to rock.

- ___ True
- ___ False



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A is for Action Mobile. The Action League rides around in a red, remote-control car. ▶



B is for Big Baby. In two episodes, the Action League's enemy was a cranky, two-foot-tall, 13-pound baby doll. Harry Connick Jr. was the voice of Big Baby. ▶



THE CAST: (top row, left to right) Stinky Diver, Justice, (bottom row, left to right) Bill the Lab Guy, The Chief, The Mayor, Thundergirl, The Flesh, and (seated) Meltman.



T is for Thundergirl. ▶ She can fly, she likes to sing (but can't carry a tune), she's Thundergirl—the League's only Action heroine.



M is for Meltman. Of all the not-so-heroic Action heroes, Meltman's power (to melt himself) is the least effective in battling evil. In the opening sequence, the show's producers used molasses to make it look like he was melting. ▶

N is for Not Very Helpful. The Action League's scientific adviser, Bill the Lab Guy, often says, "There's nothing I can do about it."

Learn the ABCs of *Action League Now!* (ALN!) with this A to Z fact list.

K is for KABLAM! *Action League Now!* can be seen on KABLAM!

L is for Leisure Design. That's the name of the Minnesota company that produces the dolls for *Action League Now!*

danger lurks in household appliances, such as lawnmowers, grills, blenders, and vacuum cleaners.

E is for Explosion. For every explosion staged on the set of *ALN!* a fire marshal and licensed pyrotechnician (fireworks expert) must be present.

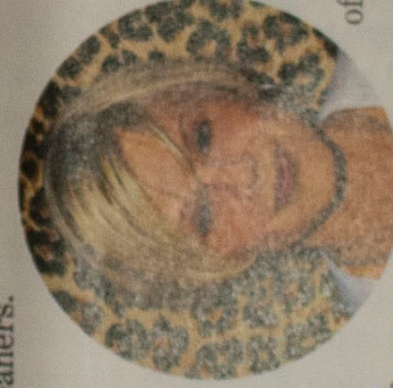
F is for The Flesh. He's the super-strong, supernaked Action hero. He's also not very bright.

G is for Glue or Wax. The Stinky Diver doll is the only Action figure that can stand on its own two feet. The others have to be stuck with glue or wax to the surface beneath them.

H is for Hair and Makeup. Because their paint chips easily, all the Action figures spend a lot of time being "touched up." Thundergirl's hair needs constant combing and styling.

I is for Invisible String. It's sometimes tied to Stinky Diver for his famous toilet-plunges—to prevent him from getting stuck.

J is for Justice. The Action League reports to The Chief, who has a dog named Justice.



Q is for Quadruple-header. There are four heads for the Big Baby doll, each with a different expression.

R is for Robyn. She did the voice of pop star Blandi in "In the Whine of Fire."

S is for Stinky Diver. In one episode, this Action hero claimed he was as handsome as George Clooney. More commonly, he's known for his ability to toilet-dive. ▶

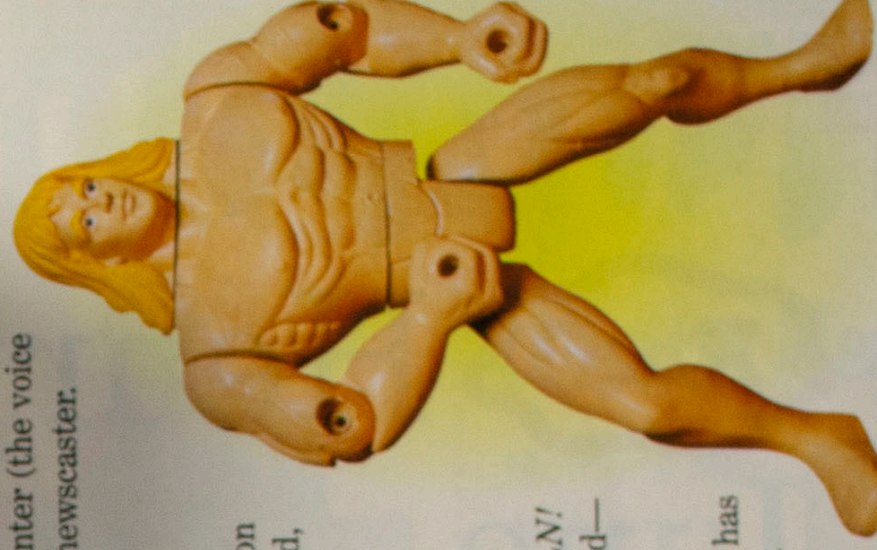


It takes five days to shoot an *ALN!* episode.

W is for WDVE. In real life, WDVE is a Pittsburgh radio station where Scott Paulsen (the voice of Meltman and The Announcer) and Jim Krenn (the voice of The Flesh, Stinky Diver, The Mayor, and Bill the Lab Guy) have a morning show. Cris Winter (the voice of Thundergirl) is the newscaster.

X is for X-rated. If *ALN!* were live-action instead of Chuckimated, it would be for adults only, because of the supernaked Flesh. ▶

Y is for Yard. ALN! director Tim Hill's yard—and his kitchen, living room, bedroom, and patio—in Los Angeles has been seen on the show.



Z is for Zap A Gap. The Action figures often fall apart on the set—even when they're not supposed to. One of the brands of glue the crew uses to put the superheroes back together is called Zap A Gap.

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Learn the ABCs of *Action League Now!* (ALN!) with this A to Z fact list.

K is for **KABLAM!** *Action League Now!* can be seen on **KABLAM!**



L is for **Leisure Design.** That's the name of

C is for **Chuckimation.** Throwing *Action* figures through windows, at cars, and into trees is what the show's creators call Chuckimation.

D is for **Danger.** For the *Action League*, danger lurks in household appliances, such as lawnmowers, grills, blenders, and vacuum cleaners.

E is for **Explosion.** For every explosion staged on the set of *ALN!* a fire marshal and licensed pyrotechnician (fireworks expert) must be present.



F is for **The Flesh.** He's the super-strong, supernaked *Action* hero. He's also not very bright.

G is for **Glue or Wax.** The Stinky Diver doll is the only *Action* figure that can stand on its own two feet. The others have to be stuck with glue or wax to the surface beneath them.

H is for **Hair and Makeup.** Because their paint chips easily, all the *Action* figures spend a lot of time being "touched up." Thundergirl's hair needs constant combing and styling.

I is for **Invisible String.** It's sometimes tied to Stinky Diver for his famous toilet-plunges—to prevent him from getting stuck.



J is for **Justice.** The *Action League* reports to The Chief, who has a dog named Justice.

O is for **"Ouchies!"** This exclamation is The Flesh's signature cry of pain.

P is for **Parody.** The recent *ALN!* special "In the Whine of Fire" was a parody of the Whitney Houston movie *The Bodyguard*.

Q is for **Quadruple-header.** There are four heads for the Big Baby doll, each with a different expression.

R is for **Robyn.** She did the voice of pop star Blandi in "In the Whine of Fire."

S is for **Stinky Diver.** In one episode, this *Action* hero claimed he was as handsome as George Clooney. More commonly, he's known for his ability to toilet-dive. ▼



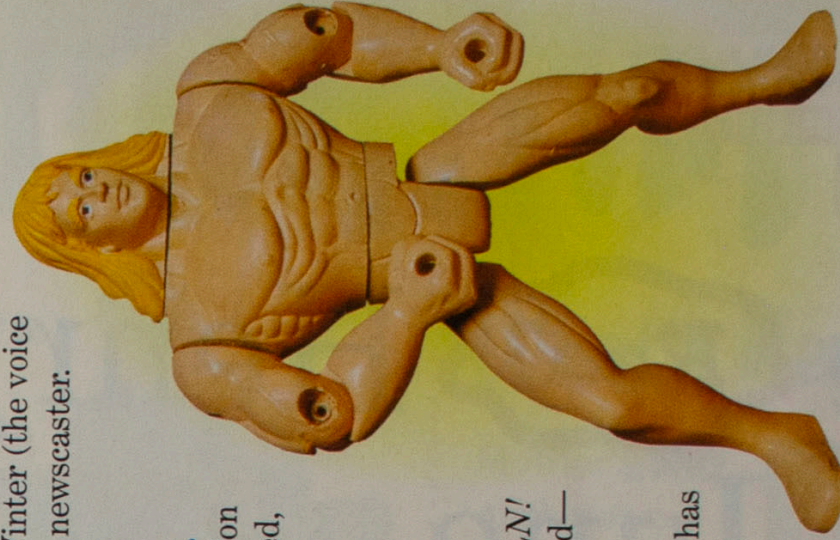
U is for **Uncoordinated.** One trait that unites the *Action League* is their bumbling, fumbling nature. In every episode, they get run over, crushed, or otherwise damaged.

V is for **V, the Roman numeral for five.** It takes five days to shoot an *ALN!* episode.

W is for **WDVE.** In real life, **WDVE** is a Pittsburgh radio station where Scott Paulsen (the voice of Meltman and The Announcer) and Jim Krenn (the voice of The Flesh, Stinky Diver, The Mayor, and Bill the Lab Guy) have a morning show. Cris Winter (the voice of Thundergirl) is the newscaster.

X is for **X-rated.**

If *ALN!* were live-action instead of Chuckimated, it would be for adults only, because of the supernaked **Flesh.** ▼

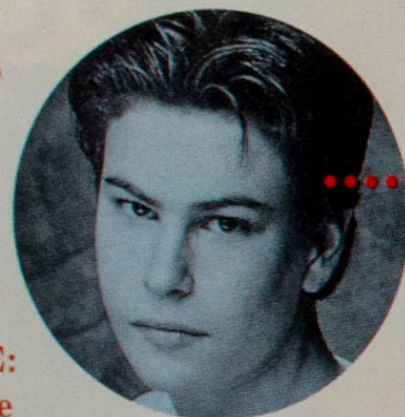


Y is for **Yard.** *ALN!* director Tim Hill's yard—and his kitchen, living room, bedroom, and patio—in Los Angeles has been seen on the show.

Z is for **Zap A Gap.** The *Action* figures often fall apart on the set—even when they're not supposed to. One of the brands of glue the crew uses to put the superheroes back together is called Zap A Gap.

The **Real** Henry and June

As hosts of **KABLAM!** Henry and June introduce each segment of the show, joking and bickering just as most best friends do. To find out how well they *really* get along, we sat down for an excloozeive interview with the kids who play them: 14-year-old **Noah Segan** (right) and 11-year-old **Julia McIlvain** (top right).



NICKELODEON MAGAZINE:
Have you become friends since you've been working together?

NOAH SEGAN: We actually go to the same school—the Professional Children's School in New York. When I see Julia in the hallways, I run in the other direction.

JULIA McILVAIN: He does! He runs away when I say, "Hello, Noah, how are you today?"

Are you comic book fans like Henry and June?

NOAH: I have boxes and boxes and boxes of comic books. I like *The Crow*, and I'm a huge Batman fan.

JULIA: I'm more into books by T.A. Barron. He wrote *The Lost Years of Merlin*, which I just finished reading, and now I've started on the sequel, which is called *The Seven Songs of Merlin*.

Are you anything like your characters?

NOAH: I had green hair for three months last year.

JULIA: I don't like dropping pianos on his head, so I guess I'm not like June.

NOAH: You're very similar to June.

JULIA: Am I?

NOAH: You're bossy like June and hyper...

JULIA: You're making this up!



BICKERING BUDDIES: Henry (left) and June (right).



KABLAMMY HOSTS: Henry (left) and June (right).

NOAH: ...You totally dominate everything around you.

JULIA: No, no, no, no, no!

Do you drink anything when you're taping the show?

JULIA: Two Dr Peppers per session.

NOAH: Me too. After the second one, I'll be saying lines and all of a sudden you'll just hear a big burp.

Do you have a favorite episode?

NOAH: There was one about Henry not having super-powers, and he became Towel-Folding Boy and Potato-Chip-Bag-Opening Boy. That's art imitating life right there.

Have you ever been seen on TV?

NOAH: I was on the 1995 season finale of *Married...With Children*. I played a boy who was blackmailing Kelly into going to his elementary school prom. Also, for two years, I was on *Saturday Night Live* whenever they needed a kid.

JULIA: I did my first commercial when I was two. I was on a Stove Top stuffing commercial where I said, "Yeah, what was that stuff?"

What do you want to be when you grow up?

NOAH: I think I'm always going to be an actor.

JULIA: Either a doctor, a writer, or a painter.

What do you think Henry and June will be when they grow up?

JULIA: Henry's going to be a talk-show host like Jerry Springer. And I'm going to be the person who drops a piano on his head. ☐

Hey **HERB!**

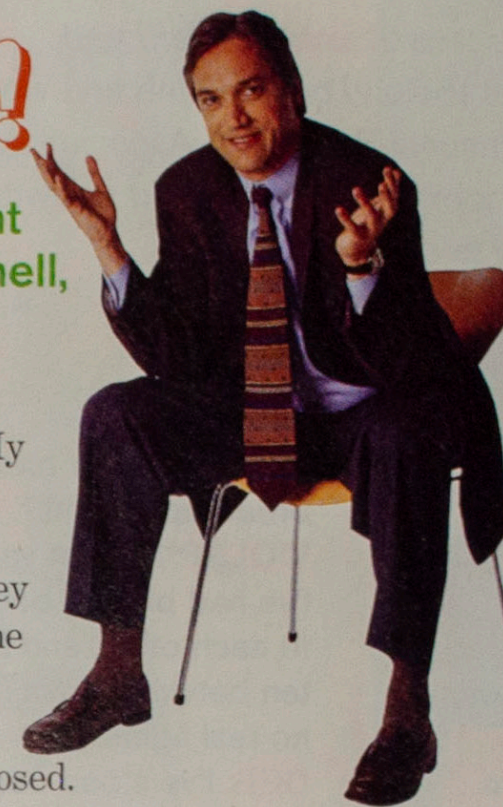
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Do you believe in aliens?

No, I'm not a big believer in aliens. My favorite aliens were from a TV show called *The Invaders*. I liked that they looked like real people except that they had stiff pinkies, so whenever someone lifted his or her teacup, you'd have to watch carefully. Every episode came down to somebody's pinkie being exposed.

Have you ever been on a vacation that you didn't enjoy?

We went to Philadelphia once, and I wanted to stay in a modern hotel with a TV. But my parents had us staying in an old-fashioned bed-and-breakfast. I remember getting in trouble for complaining.



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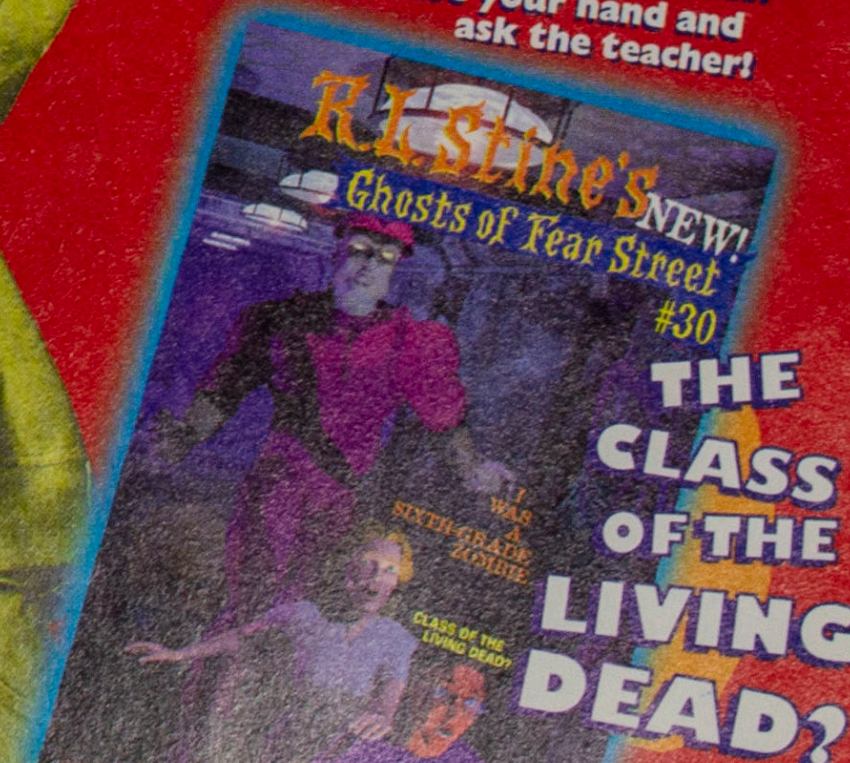
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Reffing It

Last fall, **Dee Kantner** (left) and **Violet Palmer** (below) became the first women to referee for the National Basketball Association (NBA). **Sarah Albee** took a time-out to find out what it's like to call the big shots.

Real

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What's it like to be the first female referees in the NBA?

VIOLET PALMER: The first time I walked out on the basketball court, the players' eyebrows went up. But after the first two games, I was just a referee to them.

DEE KANTNER: I think at first some of the players had concerns. But once the ball goes up and they've seen us enough times, I don't think it's an issue. They just want us to get the calls right.

How old were you when you started playing basketball?

VIOLET: About eight.

DEE: I was about eight, too. Later I also played baseball and field hockey, and I ran cross-country and track.

Why did you decide to become a ref?

DEE: [laughs] Insanity. Actually, I never thought I'd become a ref, but I always knew athletics would be a part of my life.

VIOLET: It was a way to stay close to the game, to make extra money in college, and to stay in shape.

When you were little, did you always make the other kids follow the rules in games?

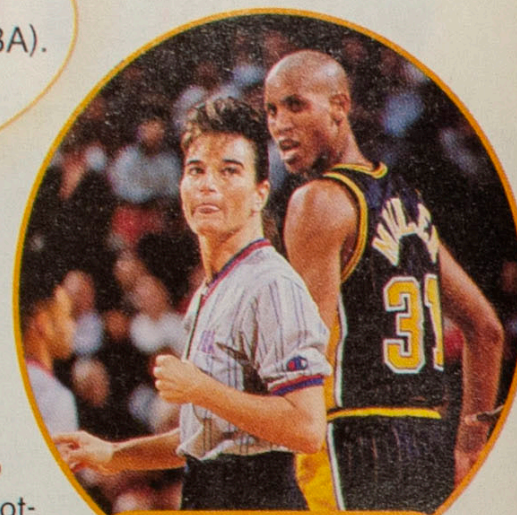
VIOLET: I always wanted to abide by the rules, but I wasn't the one who really wanted to enforce them.

DEE: I was an extremely competitive athlete as a kid. I think my mother was shocked when I told her I was going to be a referee.

Do referees have to be in good shape?

VIOLET: Yes. I have a treadmill and weights in my house, and I jog.

DEE: I'm a workout fanatic.



KEEPING PACE: Dee with Indiana Pacers' Reggie Miller.

Have you ever had to break up a fight?

VIOLET: No, not yet.

I've had players body up to each other, and I've gotten between them, but so far, no real fights.

DEE: I've stood between a couple of guys and put a hand on each of their chests—I reached real high—and just said, "Don't," and they stopped. But once a fight develops, I'm not going to try and break up two 300-pound men.

Is it hard to run with a whistle in your mouth?

VIOLET: Not at all. You learn how to grip the whistle with your teeth. I even chew gum while I referee.

On your days off, do you watch basketball on TV?

VIOLET: Constantly. But most of the time I don't even watch the game. I watch the referees.

What's the best excuse you've heard a player give when you called a foul on him?

DEE: I'm always entertained by the ones who say, "I didn't mean it!"

VIOLET: I had one player say, "Awww, Violet! I'll take you on a date if you take it back!" We both laughed, but I still reported the foul.

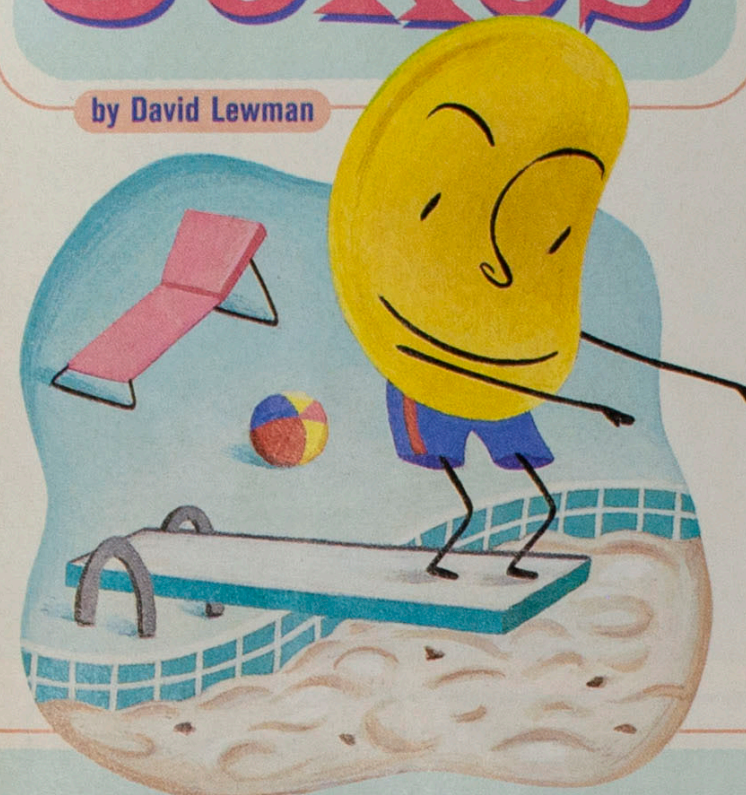
I watch the hot dog vendors.



"BUT, OFFICER...": Gary Payton of the Seattle SuperSonics makes his case to Violet.

The Jokes

by David Lewman



Are potato chips good swimmers?
Yes, they're made for taking dips.

Do brooks give good speeches?
No, they just babble.

Where does water save its money?
In a river bank.

How much does it save?
Just enough to tide it over.

How did the water know it was going down the drain?
It had a sinking feeling.

Which stuffed bear always gets seasick?
Winnie-the-Spew.

Where's the best place to sit in an underwater restaurant?
The non-soaking section.

Which actor lives in a swamp?
Jerry Slimefeld.

Are boats without motors cheap?
Yes, they're always on sail.

What do trout fishermen do to relax?
They read a good brook.

Which dog is best at getting water off the roof?

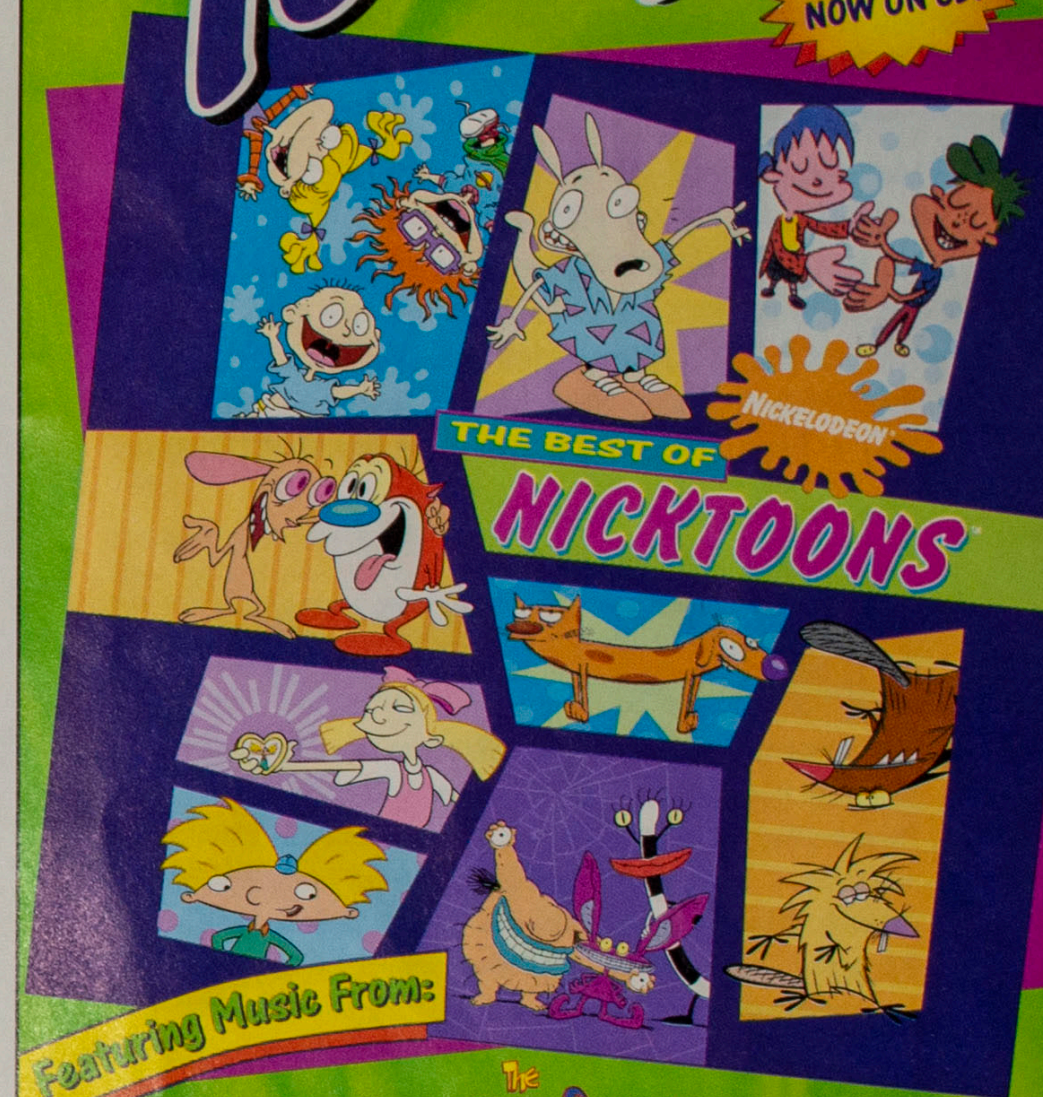
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from the
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Woman talking:

I love these pig brains!

Woman thinking:

WHAT?!!

Katrina S., age 7
Edgewater, Colorado

Real

Woman talking: Ew! I just bit on something crunchy!

Woman thinking: Wait, where's my nail?

Leanne J., age 11
Fountain Valley, California

Woman talking: Waiter, this doesn't taste like the worms I ordered.

Woman thinking: Wow, this spaghetti moves around in your mouth!

Caitlin S., age 11
Meddybemps, Maine

Woman talking: Spaghetti beards? Are you sure everyone's doing it?

Woman thinking: Here come the guys. I hope my noodles look okay.

Caleb O., age 13
Portland, Oregon

Woman talking: This is good spaghetti!

Woman thinking: Spaghetti? This is my husband's fishing bait!

Jessica D., age 10
Burton, Ohio

That's using your noodle, Jessica.

Woman talking: This tastes like dog food.

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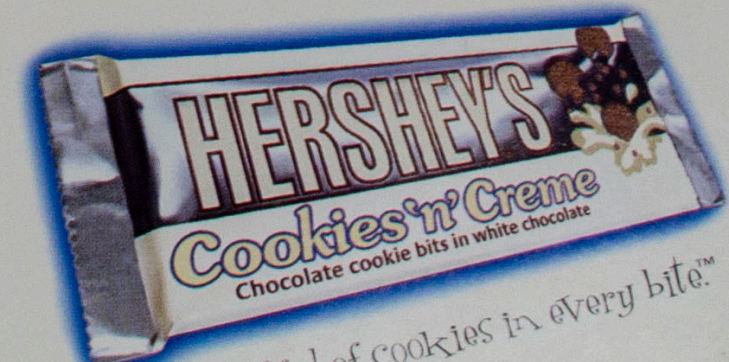


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